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DISCOVERING THE TERRIGEN MISTS—THE CATALYST FOR THE INHUMANS' POWERS—ARE LETHAL TO MUTANTS, CYCLOPS AND EMMA FROST ARE ON A MISSION TO SAVE THEIR SPECIES. AND AFTER PSYCHICALLY BROADCASTING TO THE WORLD THAT THE TERRIGEN CLOUDS THAT CIRCLE THE GLOBE MAY POSE A THREAT TO HUMANITY AS WELL, THOSE IN THE PATH OF THE MISTS ARE SENT INTO A FRENZY.

ATTEMPTING TO WORK WITH THE INHUMANS TO FIND A SOLUTION, STORM AND A TEAM OF X-MEN JOIN CRYSTAL AND HER GROUP OF INHUMANS—including new recruit DAISUKE—in MADRID, WHERE THEY HOPE TO DIVERT THE INCOMING TERRIGEN CLOUD AND QUELL THE RIOTS THAT HAVE ERUPTED ACROSS THE CITY. BUT WHEN THE CHAOS ESCALATES BEYOND THEIR CONTROL, CRYSTAL PERSUADES DAISUKE TO USE HIS POWERS TO PUT THE CITY TO SLEEP...INCLUDING THE X-MEN ON THE SCENE.

MEANWHILE, CYCLOPS AND EMMA FROST PREPARE THEIR OWN SOLUTION TO THE TERRIGEN MISTS, STARTING BY REACHING OUT TO AN UNLIKELY ALLY—THE MUTANT SUPREMACIST, MAGNETO!

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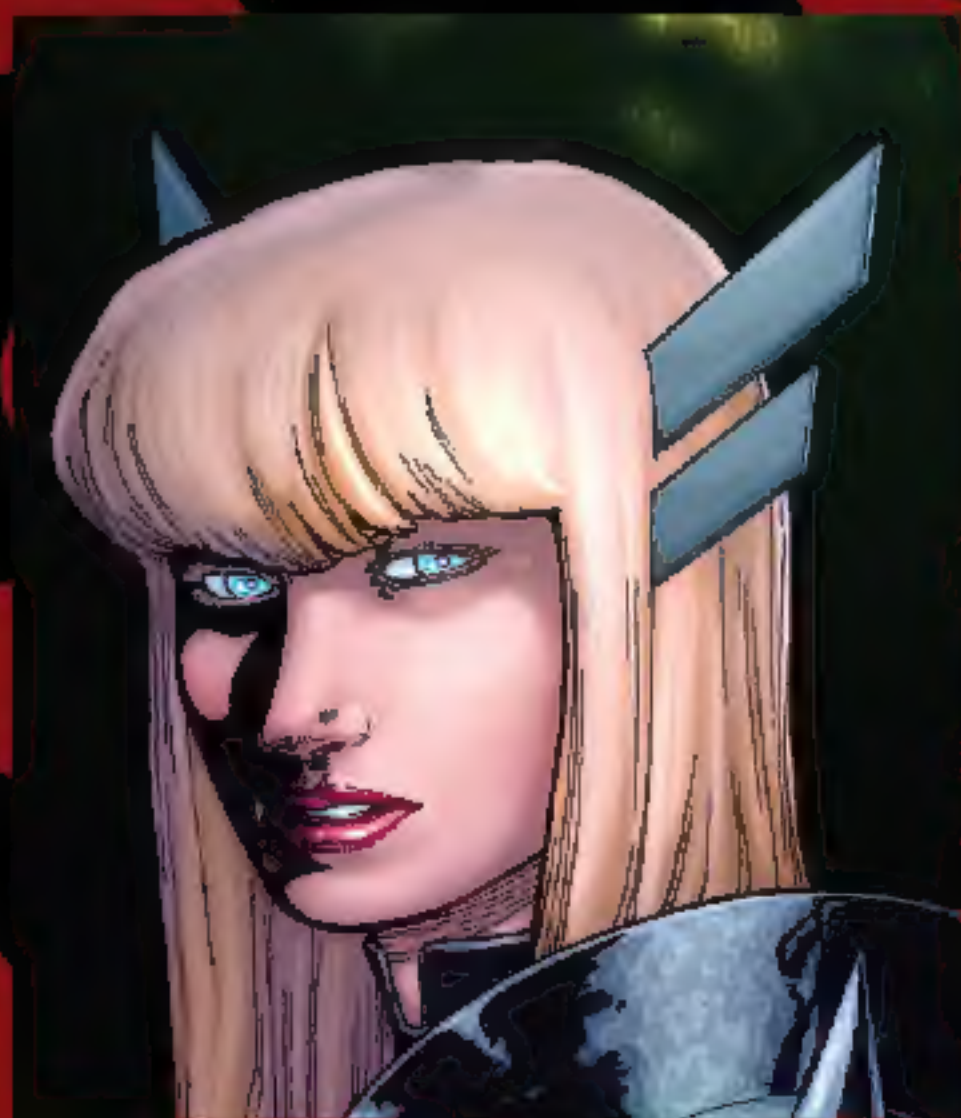
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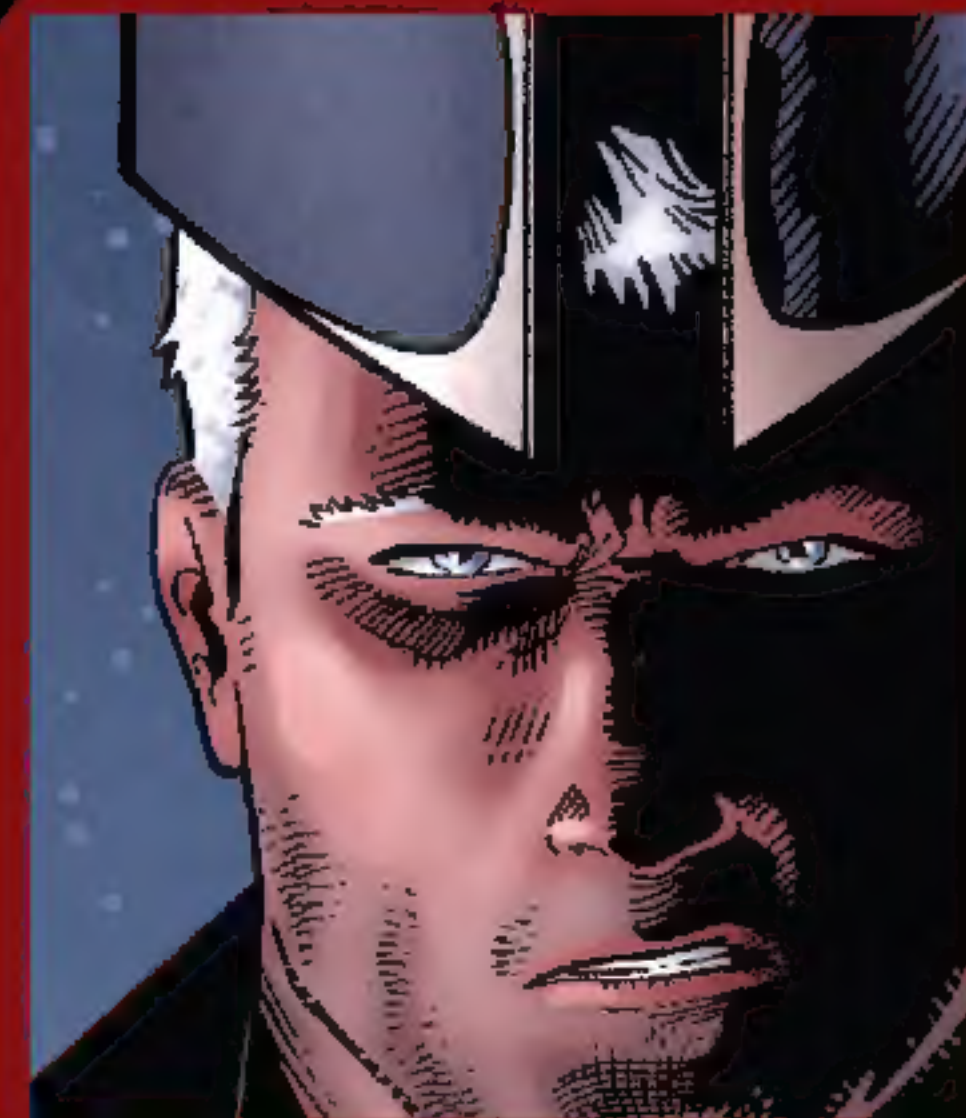
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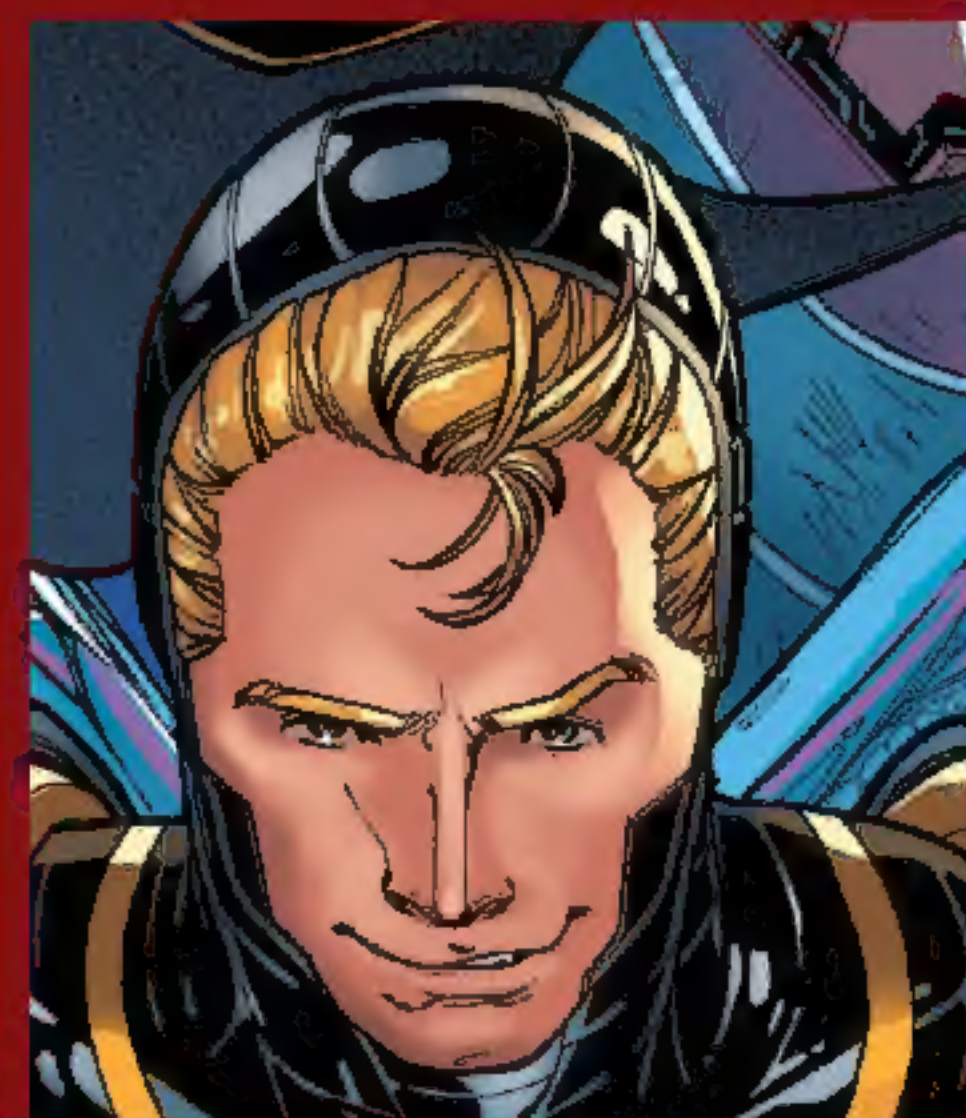
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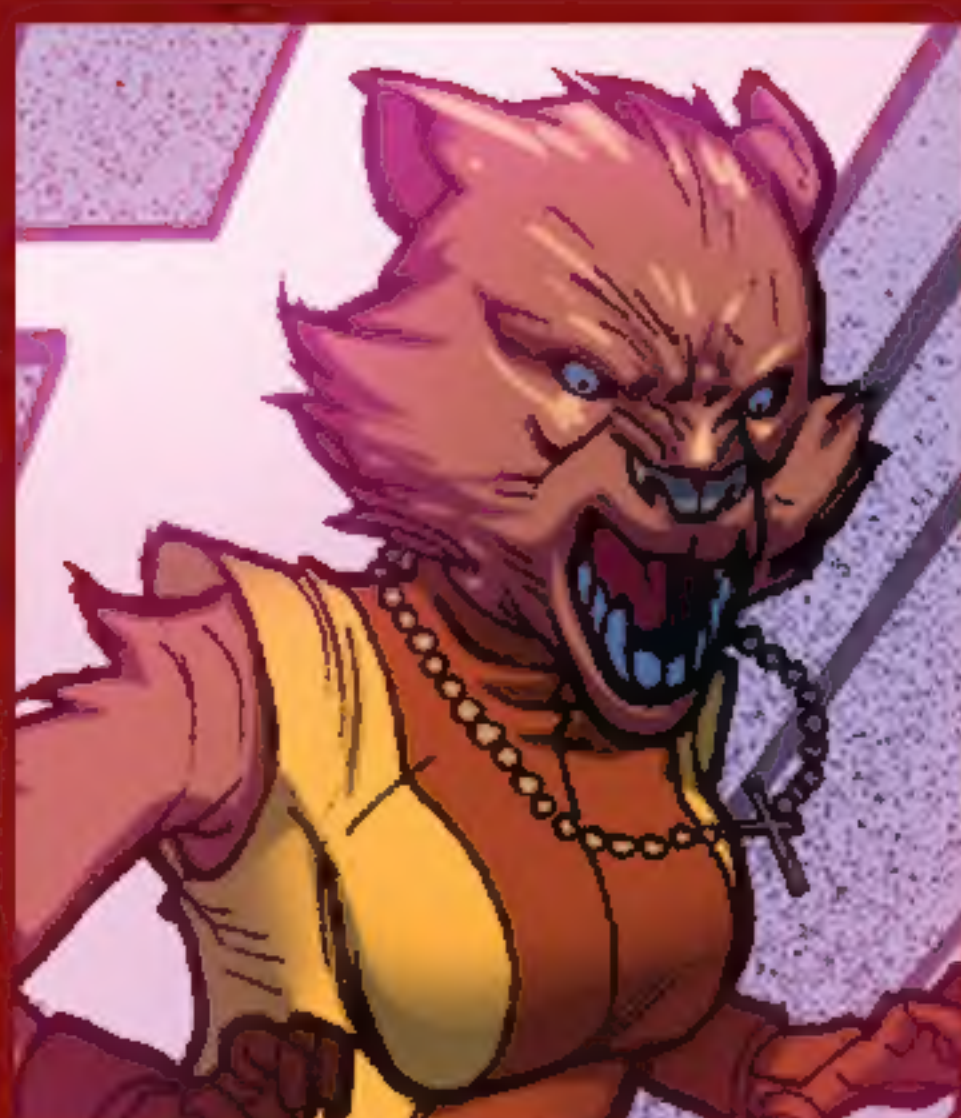
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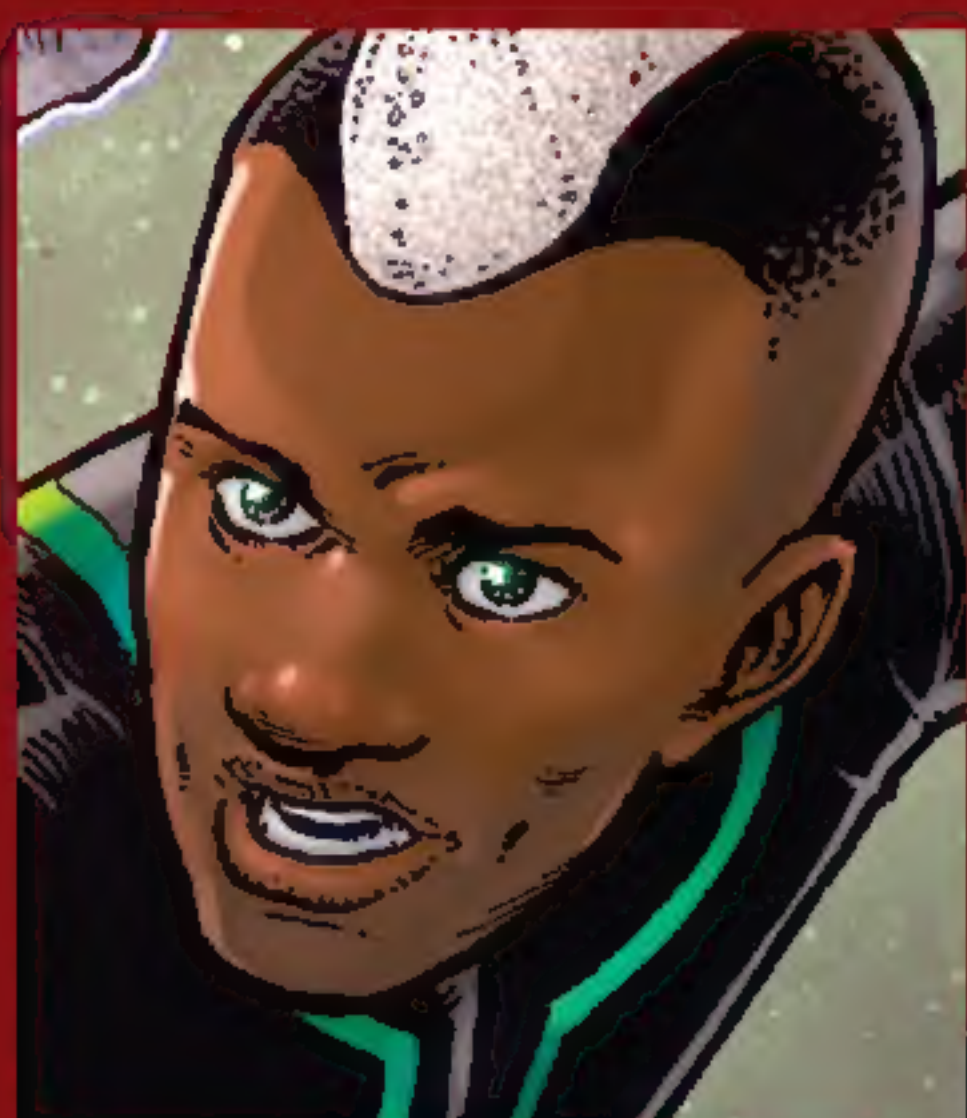
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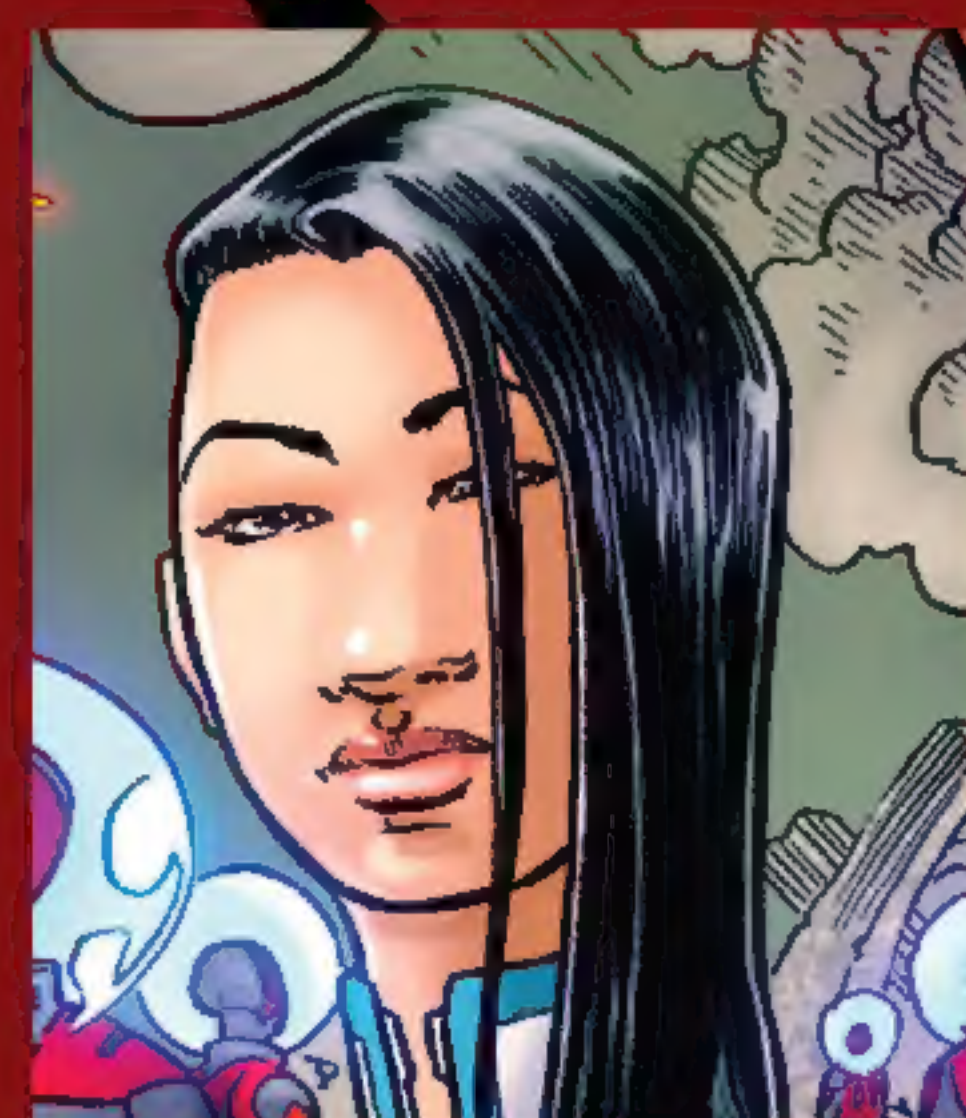
FLINT



NAJA



DAISUKE



ISO

MUIR ISLAND.

FOCUS.
LOOK AT THIS--ALL
EXPERTLY TRAINED
X-MEN, SOME OF OUR
BEST--AND SEE WHAT
THE INHUMANS DID
TO THEM.

WE NEED TO ACT
NOW. THE TERRIGEN
CREATES MORE OF *THEM*
EVERYWHERE IT GOES, WHILE
IT PARES *OUR* NUMBERS
DOWN ONE BY ONE. IT
MUST BE *DEALT*
WITH, ERIK.

WHERE IS
CYCLOPS?

PLEASE DON'T
TELL ME YOU'VE
ALREADY FORGOTTEN
THE IMMINENT CRISIS
THREATENING TO
ERADICATE ALL
MUTANTKIND, ERIK.
I LITERALLY JUST
TOLD YOU
ABOUT IT.

SCOTT
IS BUSY.

OH, I
KNOW HE
IS, EMMA.

THE
INHUMANS
CAN DO THAT
MATH JUST AS
EASILY AS
WE CAN.

I MEAN,
JUST LOOK
AT THEM...

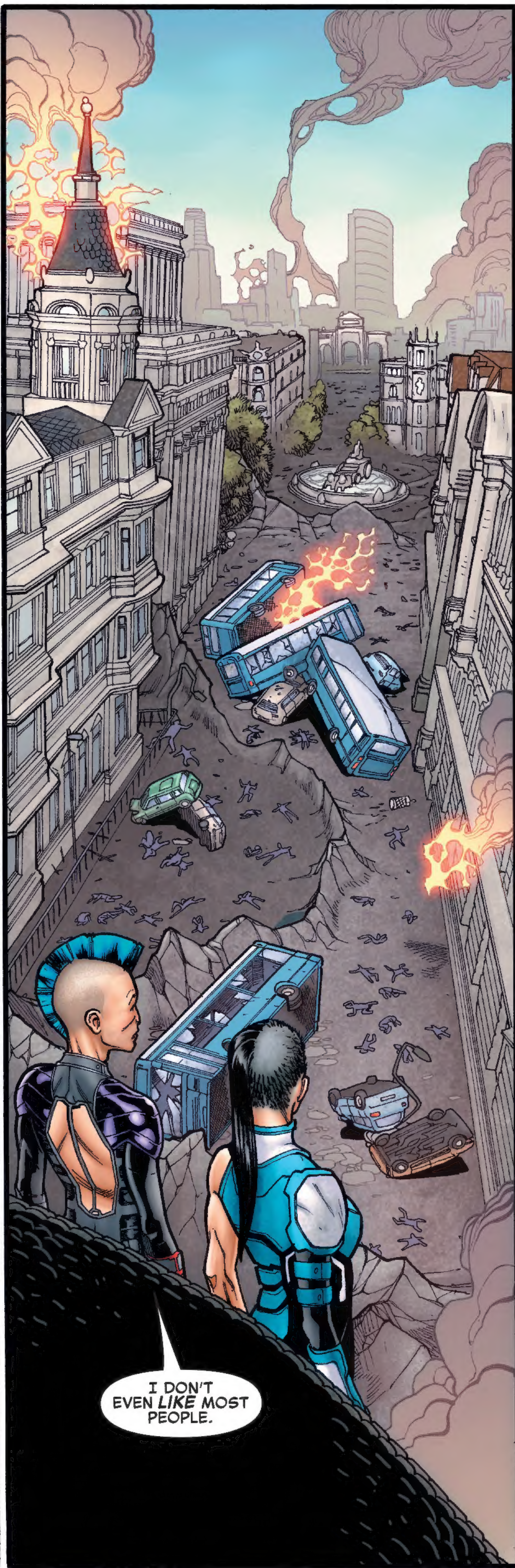


"...THEY'RE
CELEBRATING."

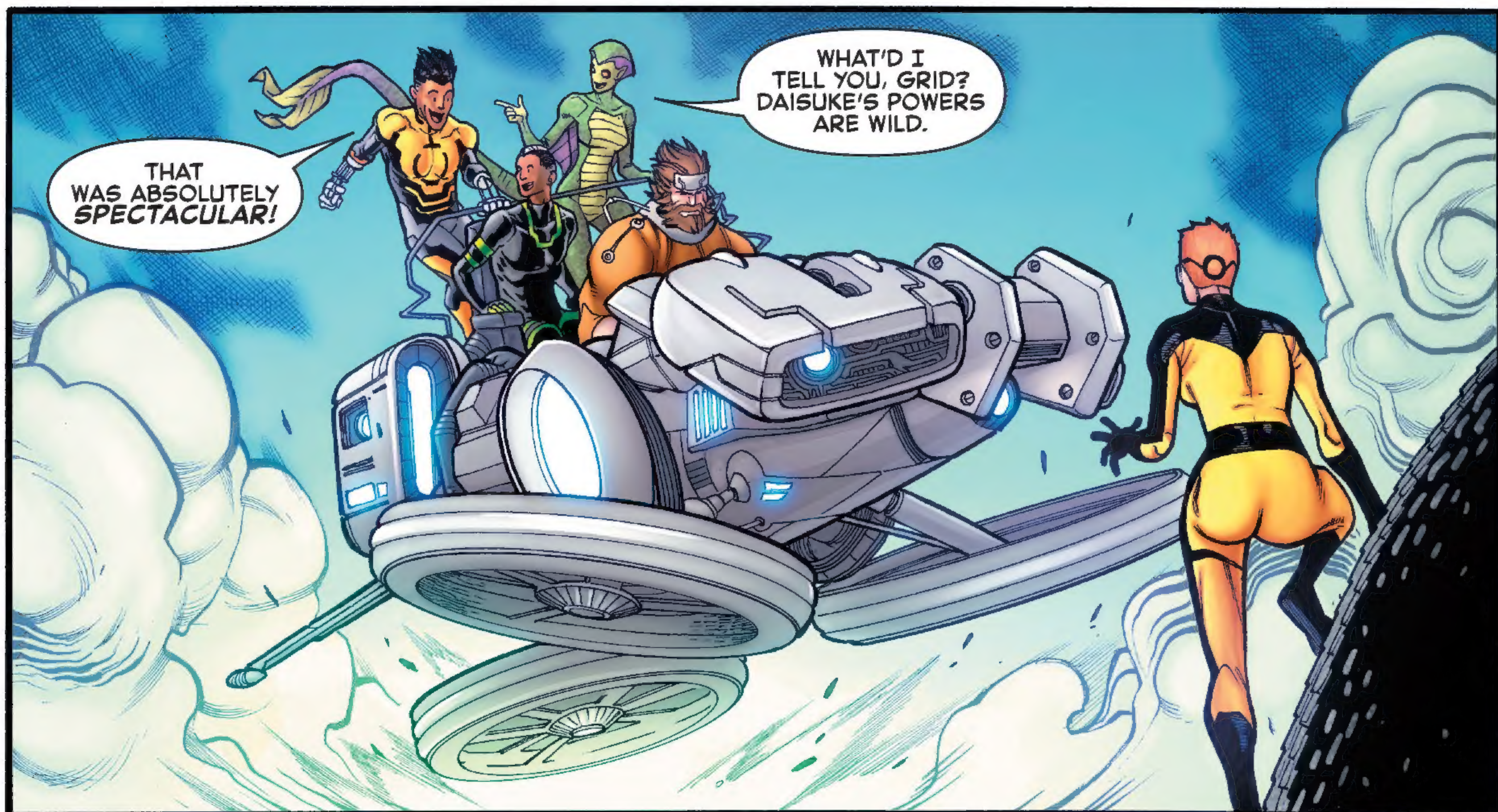
MADRID.

THAT
WAS INCREDIBLE,
DAISUKE. REALLY
WELL DONE.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I *DID*
THAT, ISO. I JUST
STOPPED A *RIOT*.
ALL THOSE PEOPLE...
SAFE. BECAUSE
OF ME.

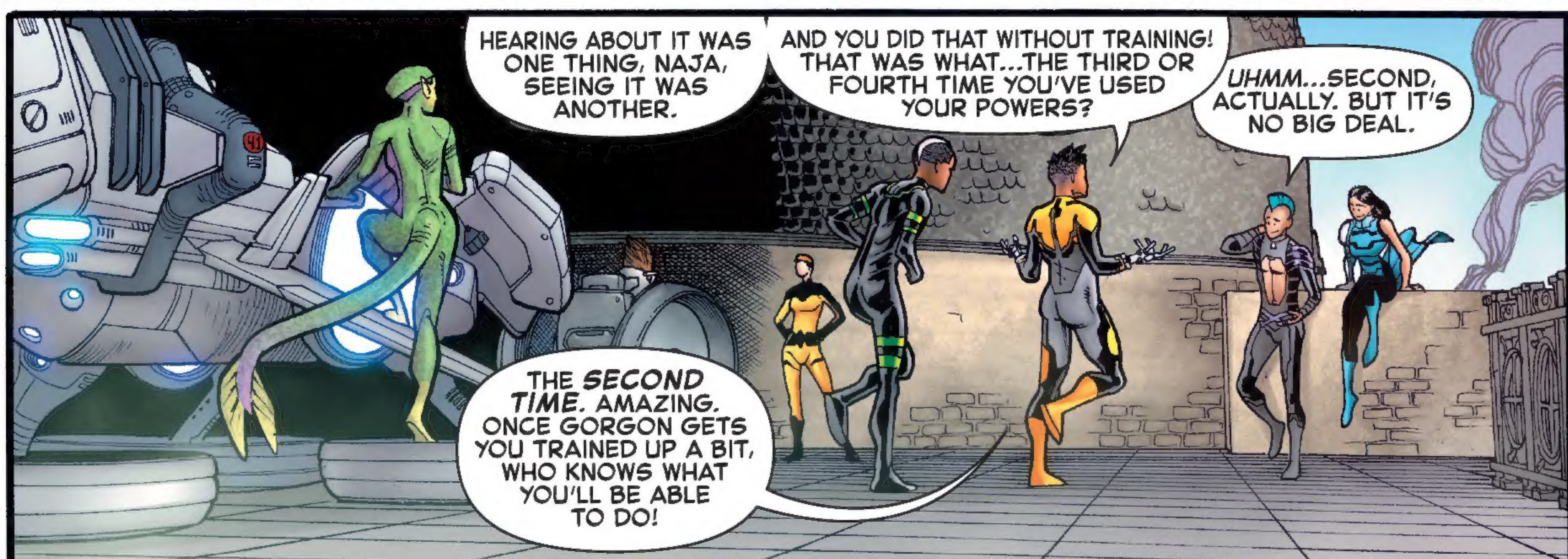


I DON'T
EVEN *LIKE* MOST
PEOPLE.



THAT WAS ABSOLUTELY SPECTACULAR!

WHAT'D I TELL YOU, GRID? DAISUKE'S POWERS ARE WILD.

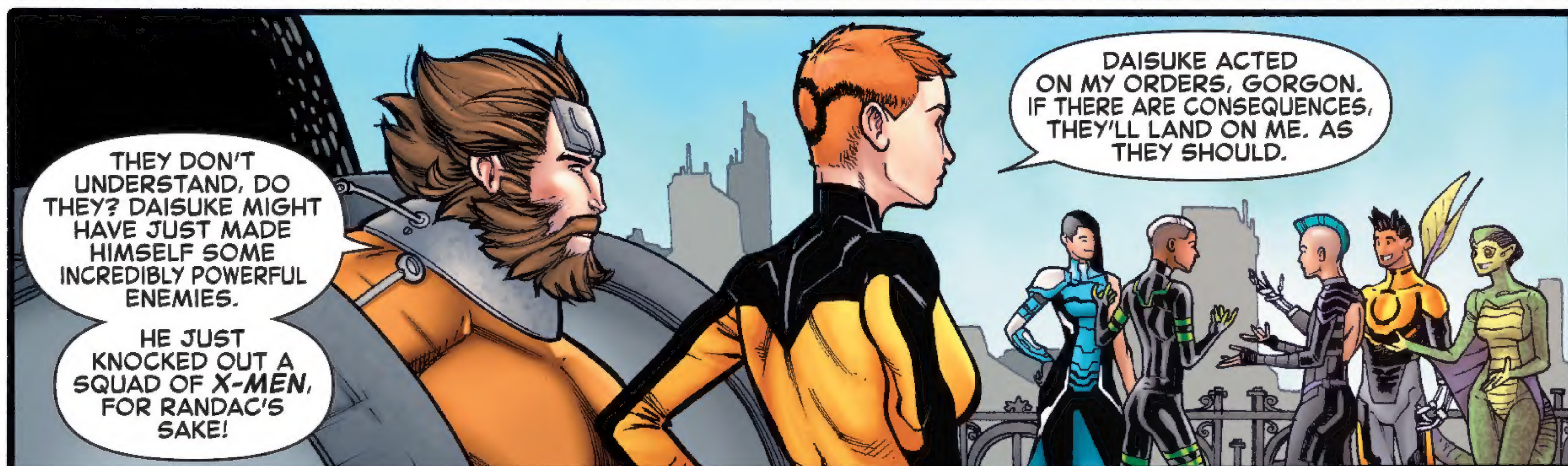


HEARING ABOUT IT WAS ONE THING, NAJA, SEEING IT WAS ANOTHER.

AND YOU DID THAT WITHOUT TRAINING! THAT WAS WHAT...THE THIRD OR FOURTH TIME YOU'VE USED YOUR POWERS?

UHHM...SECOND, ACTUALLY. BUT IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

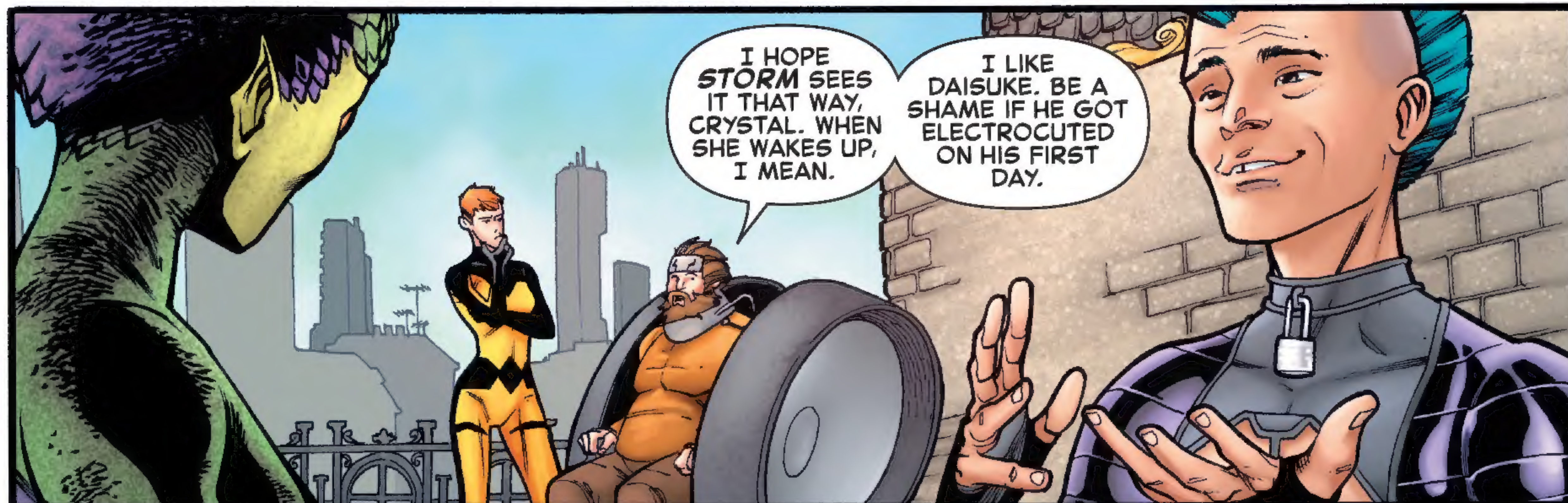
THE **SECOND** TIME. AMAZING. ONCE GORGON GETS YOU TRAINED UP A BIT, WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO!



THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO THEY? DAISUKE MIGHT HAVE JUST MADE HIMSELF SOME INCREDIBLY POWERFUL ENEMIES.

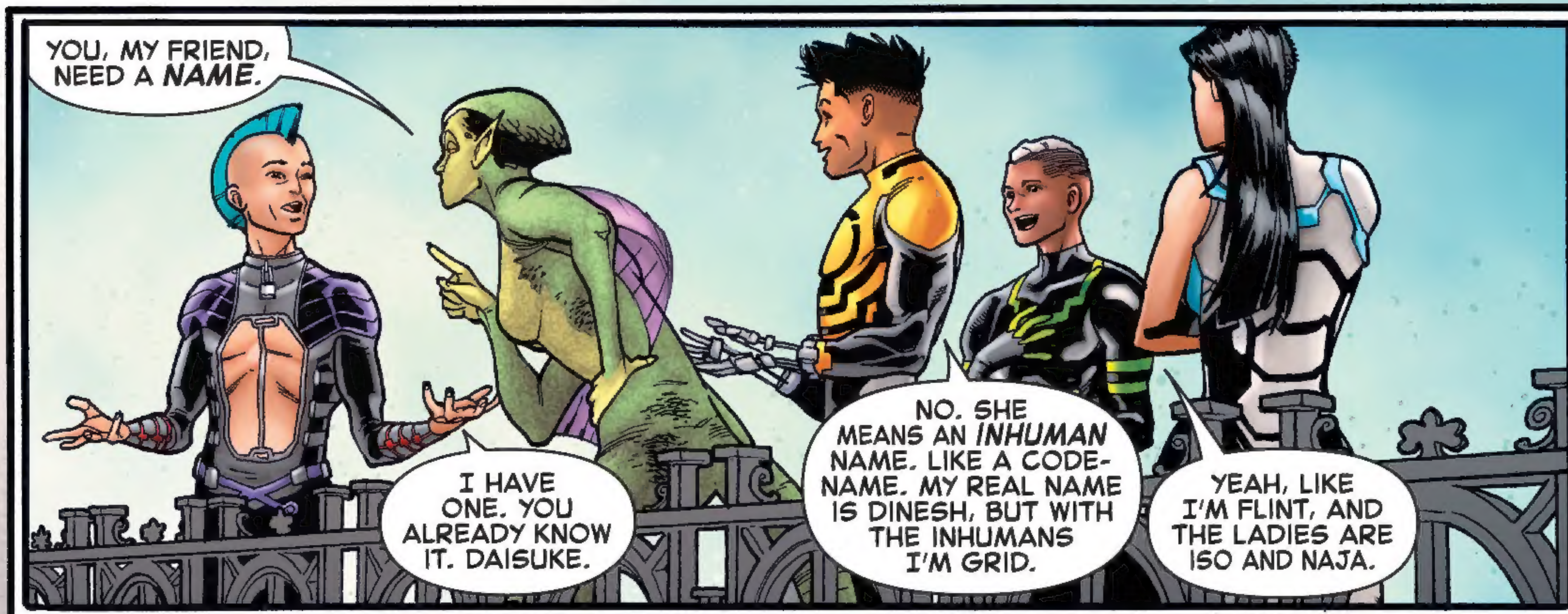
HE JUST KNOCKED OUT A SQUAD OF X-MEN, FOR RANDAC'S SAKE!

DAISUKE ACTED ON MY ORDERS, GORGON. IF THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES, THEY'LL LAND ON ME. AS THEY SHOULD.



I HOPE **STORM** SEES IT THAT WAY, CRYSTAL. WHEN SHE WAKES UP, I MEAN.

I LIKE DAISUKE. BE A SHAME IF HE GOT ELECTROCUTED ON HIS FIRST DAY.

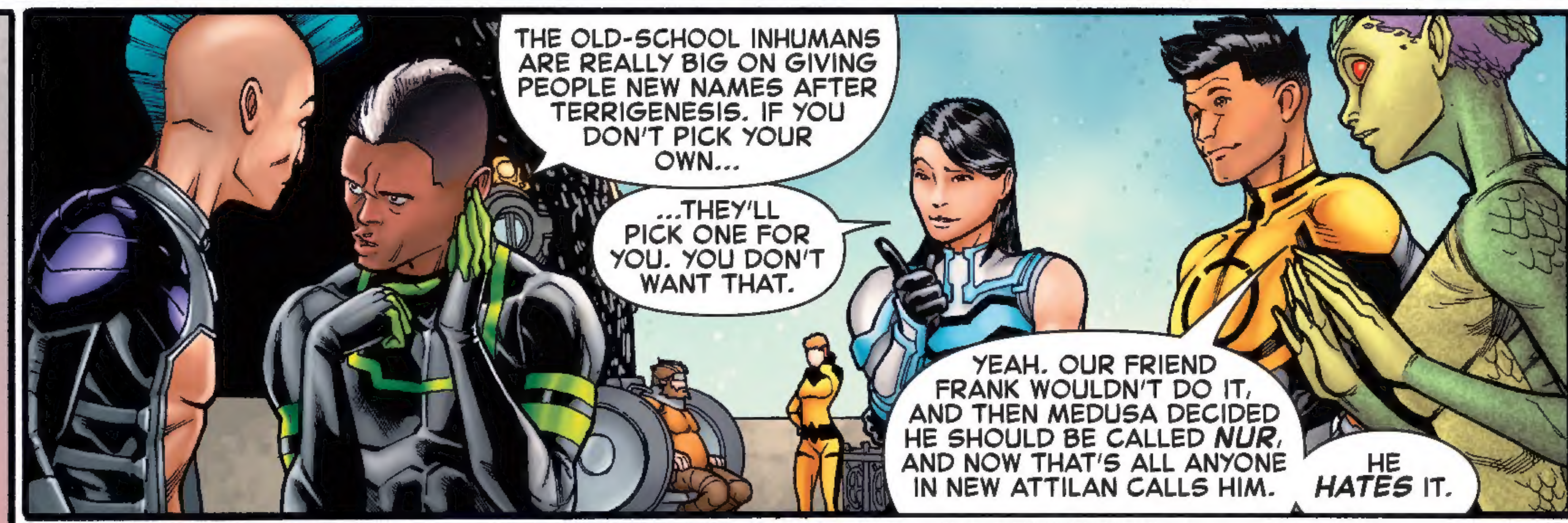


YOU, MY FRIEND, NEED A NAME.

I HAVE ONE. YOU ALREADY KNOW IT. DAISUKE.

NO. SHE MEANS AN INHUMAN NAME. LIKE A CODE-NAME. MY REAL NAME IS DINESH, BUT WITH THE INHUMANS I'M GRID.

YEAH, LIKE I'M FLINT, AND THE LADIES ARE ISO AND NAJA.

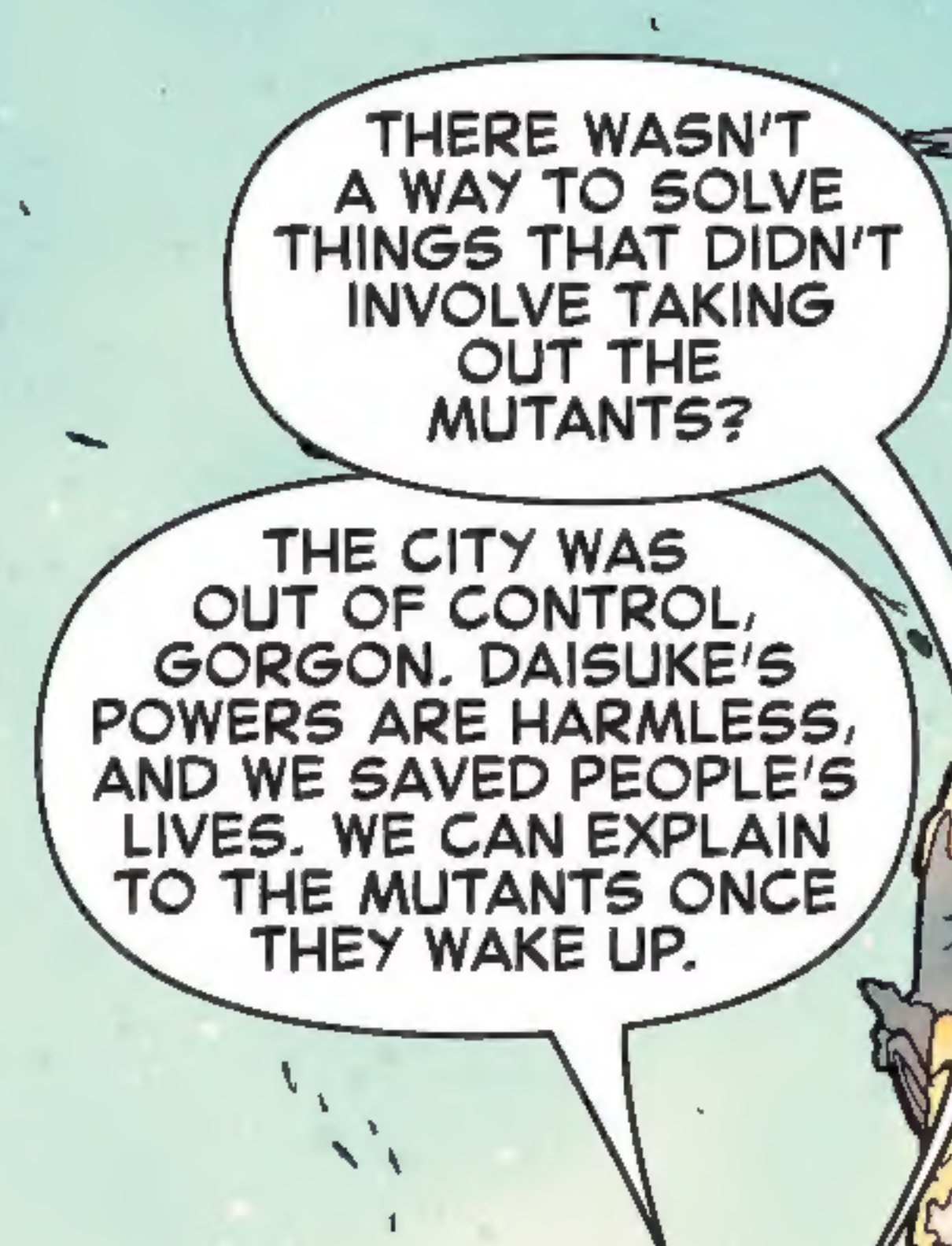


THE OLD-SCHOOL INHUMANS ARE REALLY BIG ON GIVING PEOPLE NEW NAMES AFTER TERRIGENESIS. IF YOU DON'T PICK YOUR OWN...

...THEY'LL PICK ONE FOR YOU. YOU DON'T WANT THAT.

YEAH. OUR FRIEND FRANK WOULDN'T DO IT, AND THEN MEDUSA DECIDED HE SHOULD BE CALLED NUR, AND NOW THAT'S ALL ANYONE IN NEW ATTILAN CALLS HIM.

HE HATES IT.

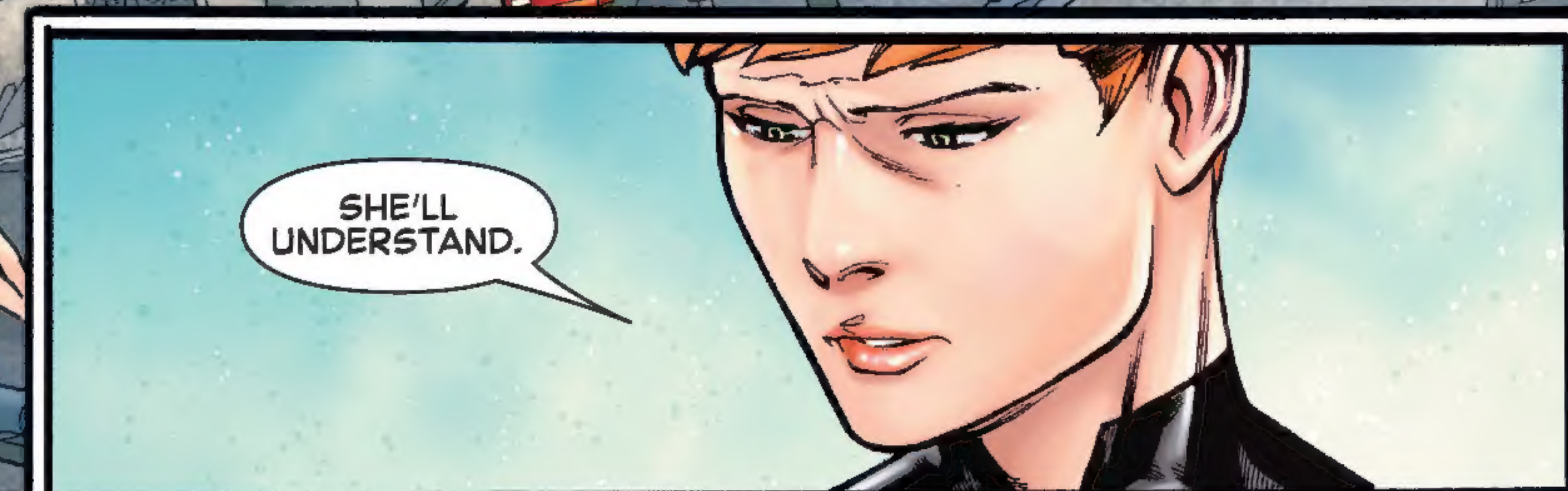


THERE WASN'T A WAY TO SOLVE THINGS THAT DIDN'T INVOLVE TAKING OUT THE MUTANTS?

THE CITY WAS OUT OF CONTROL, GORGON. DAISUKE'S POWERS ARE HARMLESS, AND WE SAVED PEOPLE'S LIVES. WE CAN EXPLAIN TO THE MUTANTS ONCE THEY WAKE UP.

OR...WE COULD LEAVE NOW, AND CALL THEM LATER. LESS CHANCE OF A LIGHTNING BOLT IN THE FACE THAT WAY.

DON'T THINK I'M NOT TEMPTED-- BUT NO. WE'LL FACE THIS. STORM IS A REASONABLE WOMAN.



SHE'LL UNDERSTAND.



YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A NUR, DAISUKE. PICK SOMETHING.

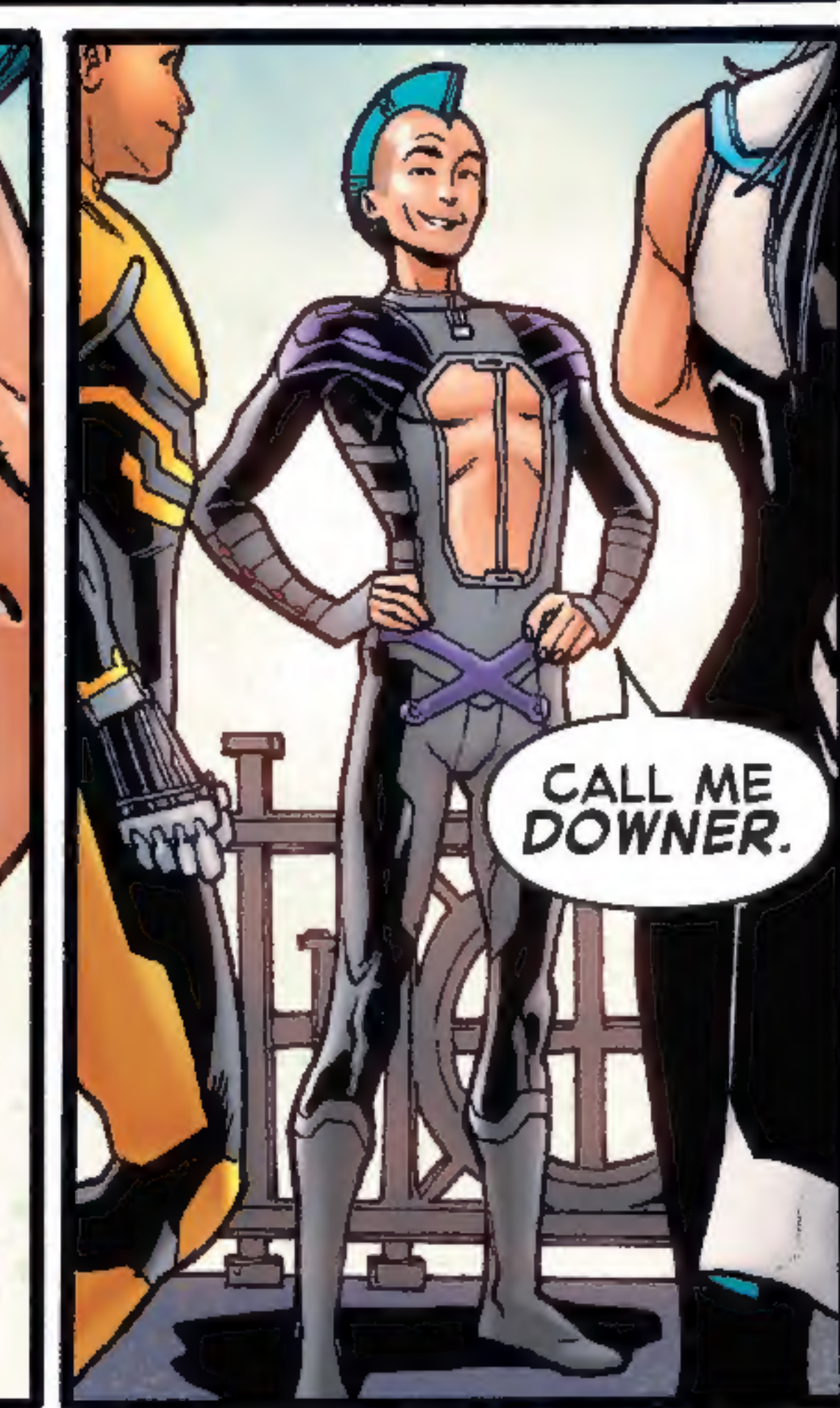
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.



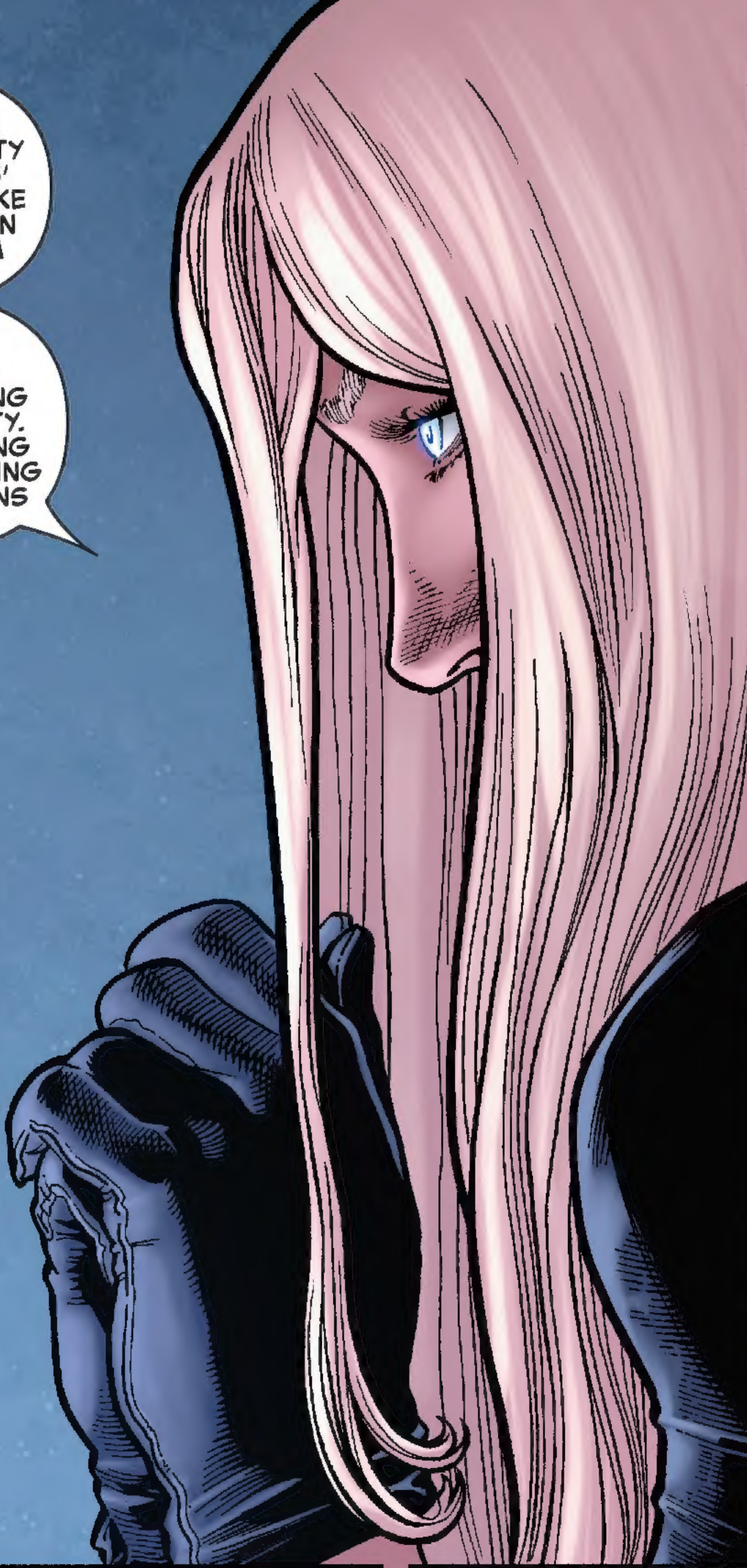
I... HMM. I DON'T...



NO. I HAVE IT.



CALL ME DOWNER.

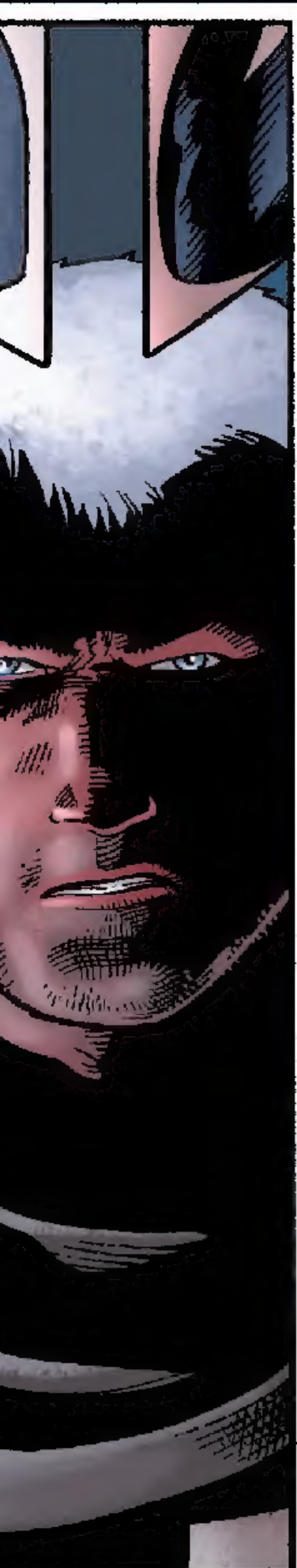


WE NEED YOUR HELP, ERIK. WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY WHILE THE INHUMANS' PRIMARY MOBILE STRIKE FORCE IS OCCUPIED IN MADRID WITH STORM AND HER GROUP...

NOT TO MENTION THE AFTERMATH OF THE CLOUD MOVING THROUGH THE CITY. THEY'LL BE LOOKING FOR THEIR REVOLTING INHUMAN COCOONS AND SUCH.



WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING?



IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE ENOUGH. CONTAIN THEM...KEEP ALL OF THEM IN MADRID, AS LONG AS YOU CAN. SCOTT AND I WILL HANDLE THE REST.

ERIK? CAN I COUNT ON YOU, OR SHOULD I MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS? I'VE BEEN AVOIDING CONTACT WITH SEBASTIAN SHAW AND THE HELLFIRE CLUB, BUT I'M SURE THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO--

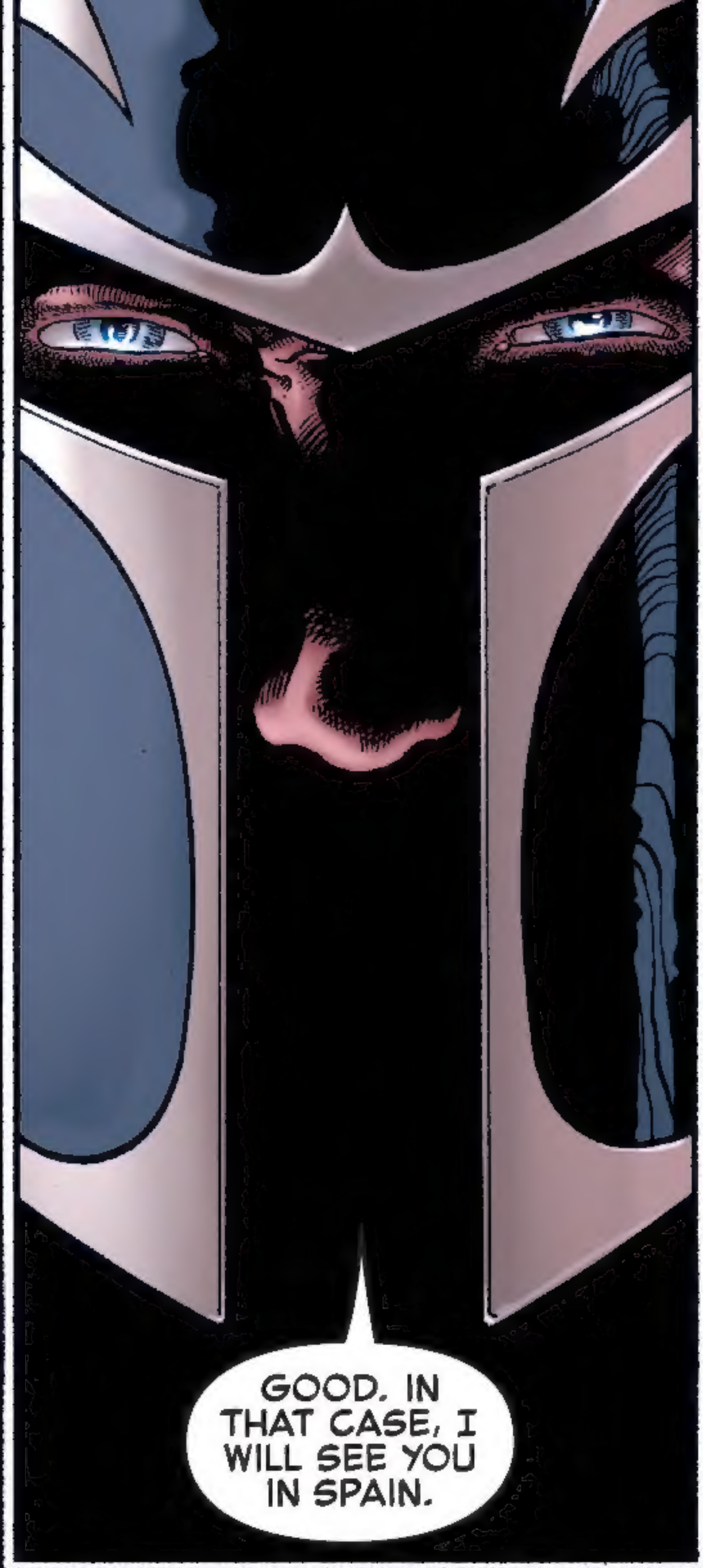


ENOUGH.

DO NOT THINK YOU CAN MANIPULATE ME LIKE THE *OTHERS*, EMMA. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM SAYING TO YOU?



I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY.



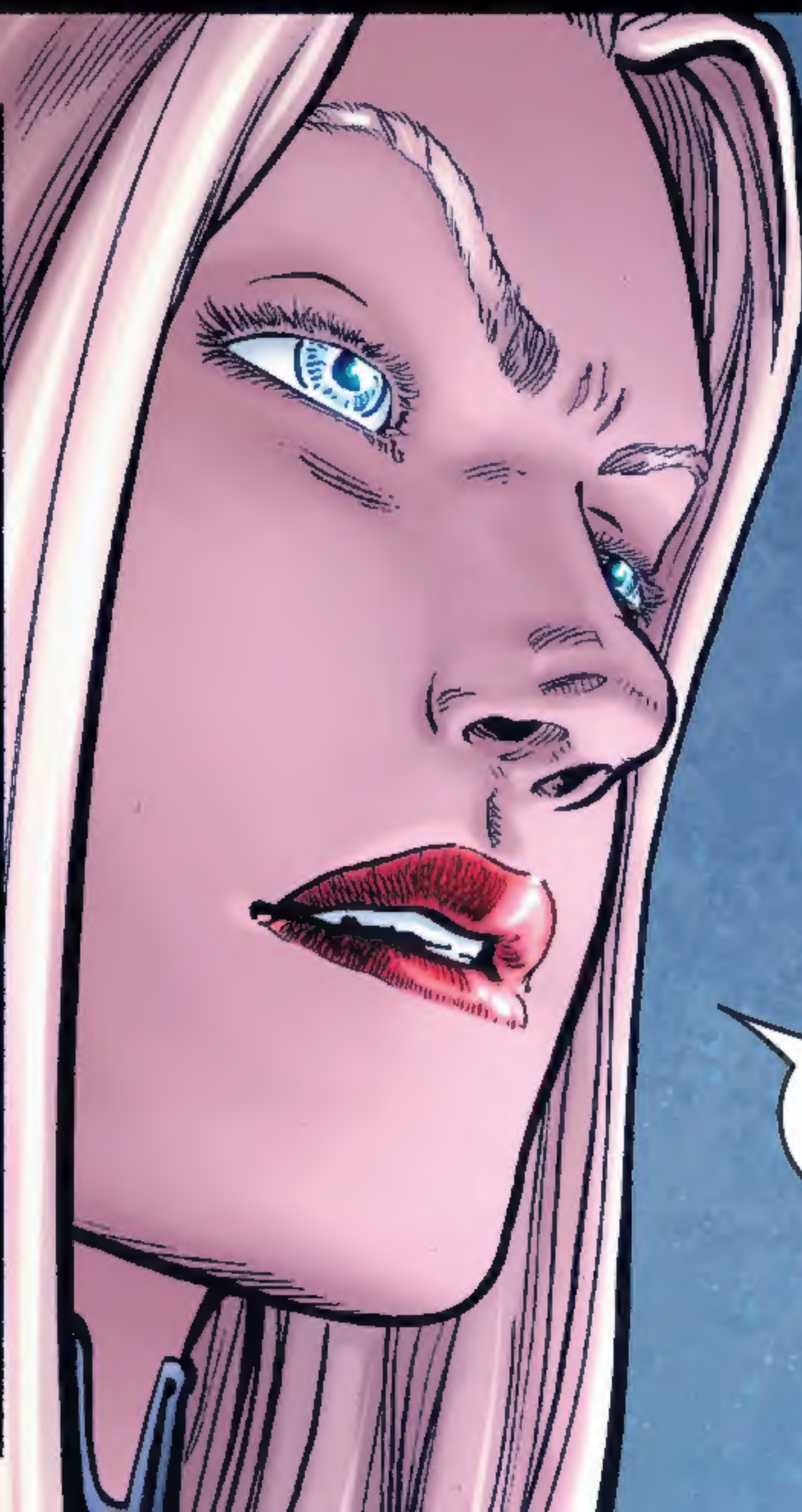
GOOD. IN THAT CASE, I WILL SEE YOU IN SPAIN.



SCOTT...I THINK MAGNETO WILL HELP US.



I THINK HE KNOWS **EVERYTHING** WE HAVE PLANNED.



BUT YOU KNOW SOMETHING, MY DARLING?

THAT CHANGES **NOTHING**. IT'S TIME TO BEGIN.

YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND.

ARE WE SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE?

DON'T ASK QUESTIONS WE ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWERS TO, CELESTE.

SHE'S JUST UPSET. LEAVE HER ALONE, IRMA.

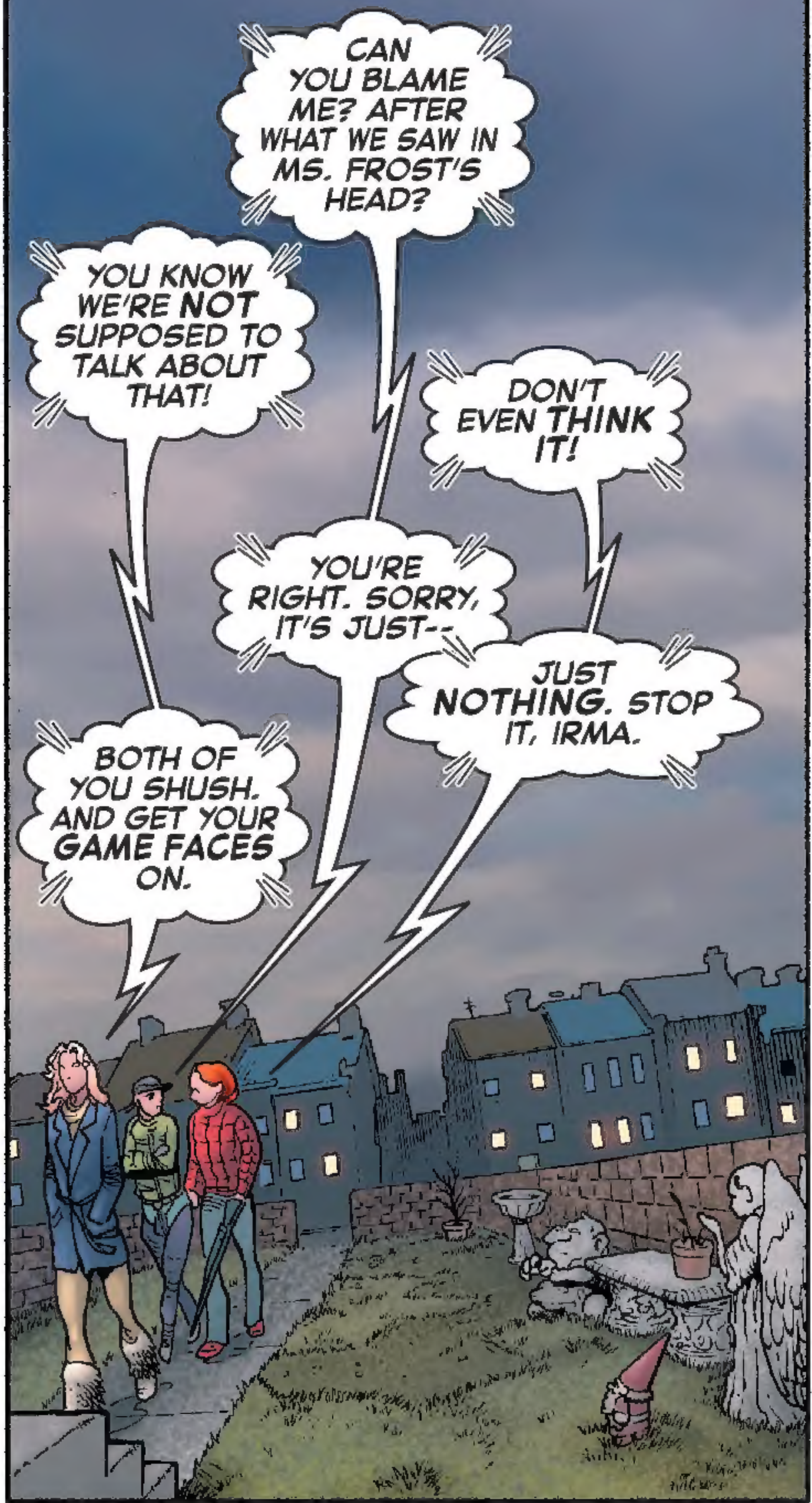
YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TALK ABOUT THAT!

DON'T EVEN THINK IT!

YOU'RE RIGHT. SORRY, IT'S JUST--

JUST NOTHING. STOP IT, IRMA.

BOTH OF YOU SHUSH. AND GET YOUR GAME FACES ON.



KNOCK KNOCK

THOMAS JONES?

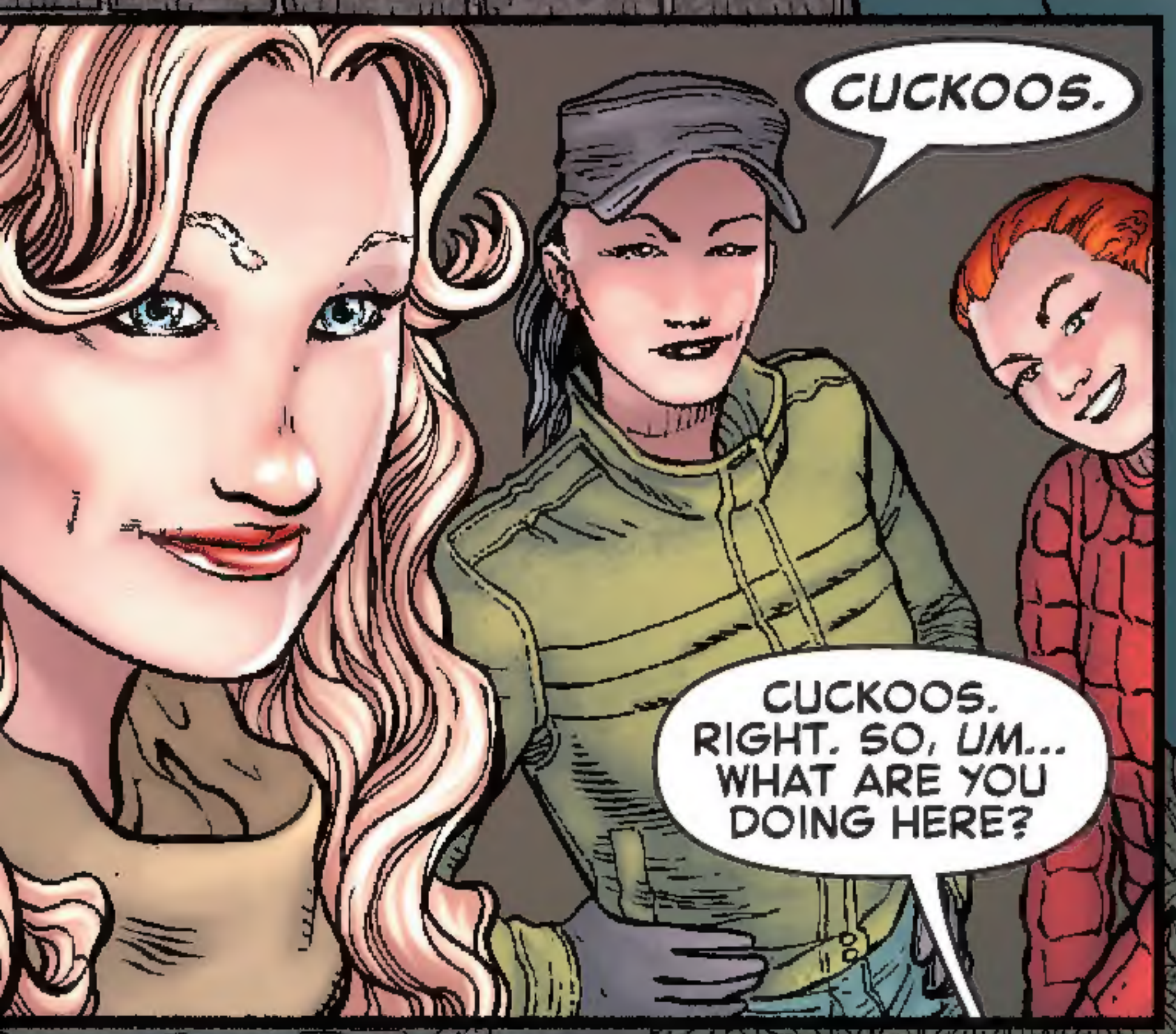
YOU'RE THE MUTANT CALLED ALCHEMY, RIGHT?

UM...ER--YES. I'M ALCHEMY. SURE. AND, UH, YOU-- YOU GUYS ARE THE WHATSIT--STEPFORD SISTERS?



CUCKOOS.

CUCKOOS. RIGHT. SO, UM... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?



I MEAN, NOT THAT I, UH--NOT THAT I'M NOT HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT--



WE'RE ON A TOP-SECRET MISSION FOR THE X-MEN.

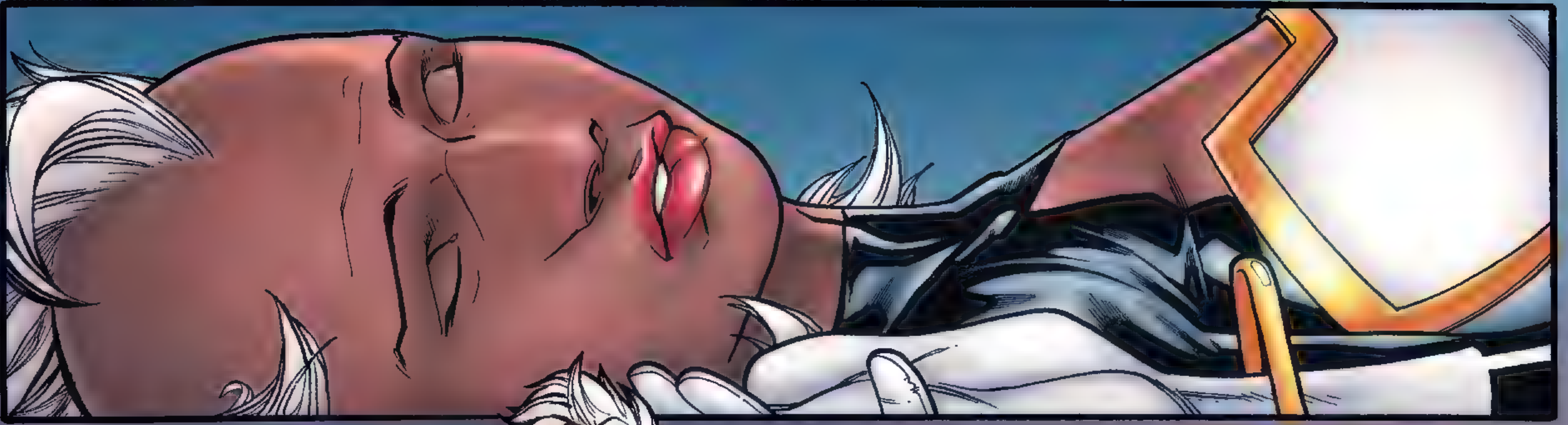
YOU ARE?

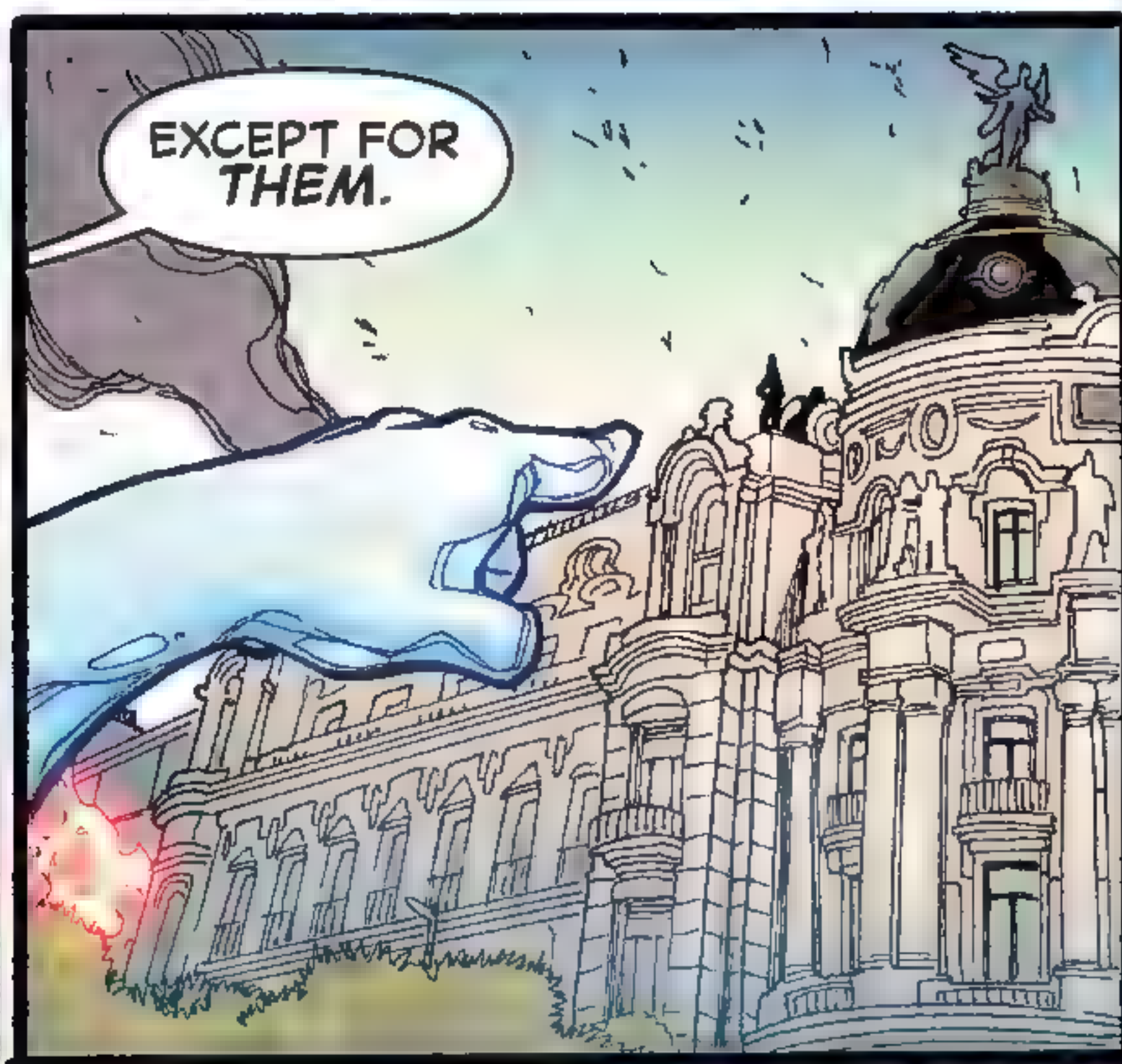
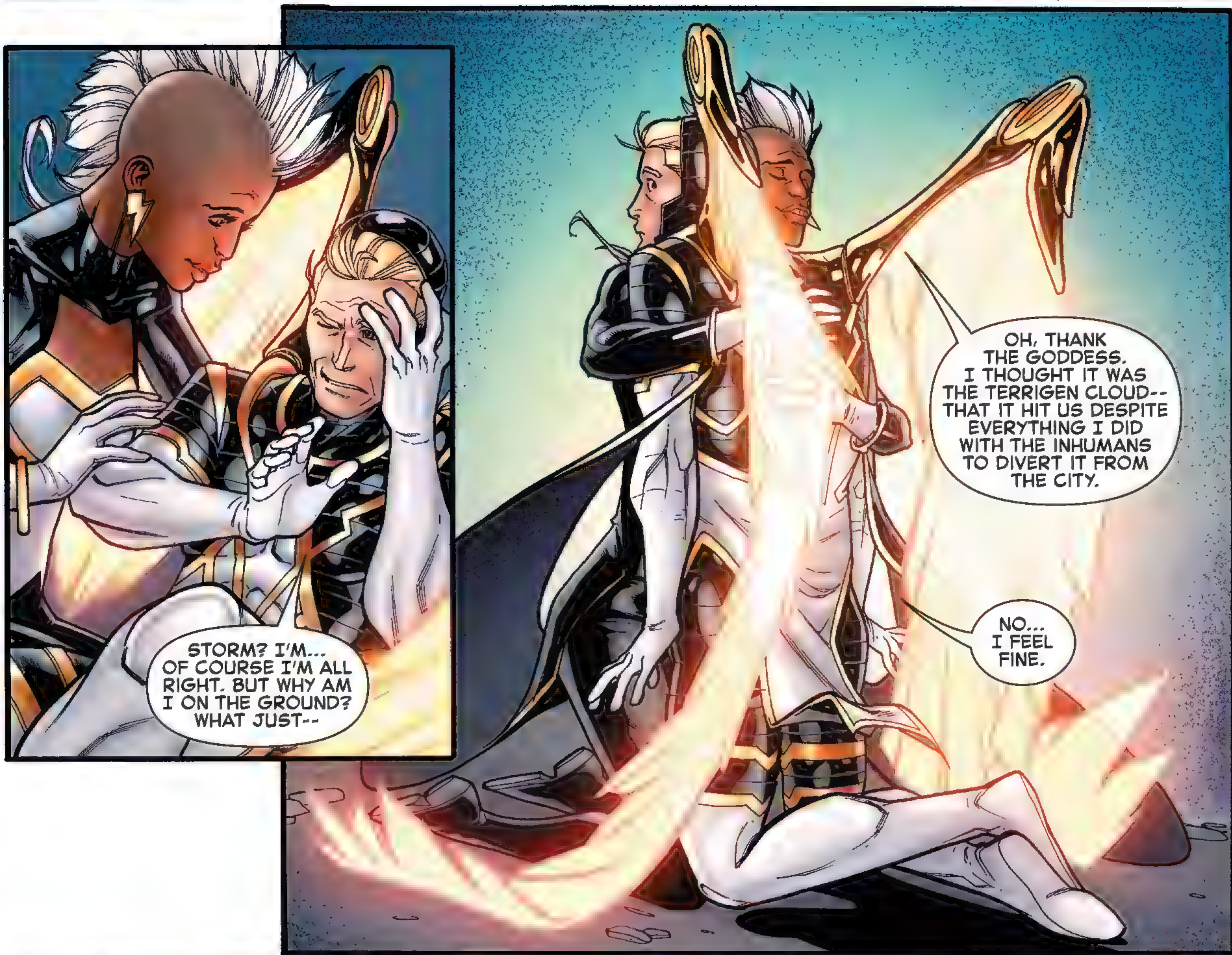
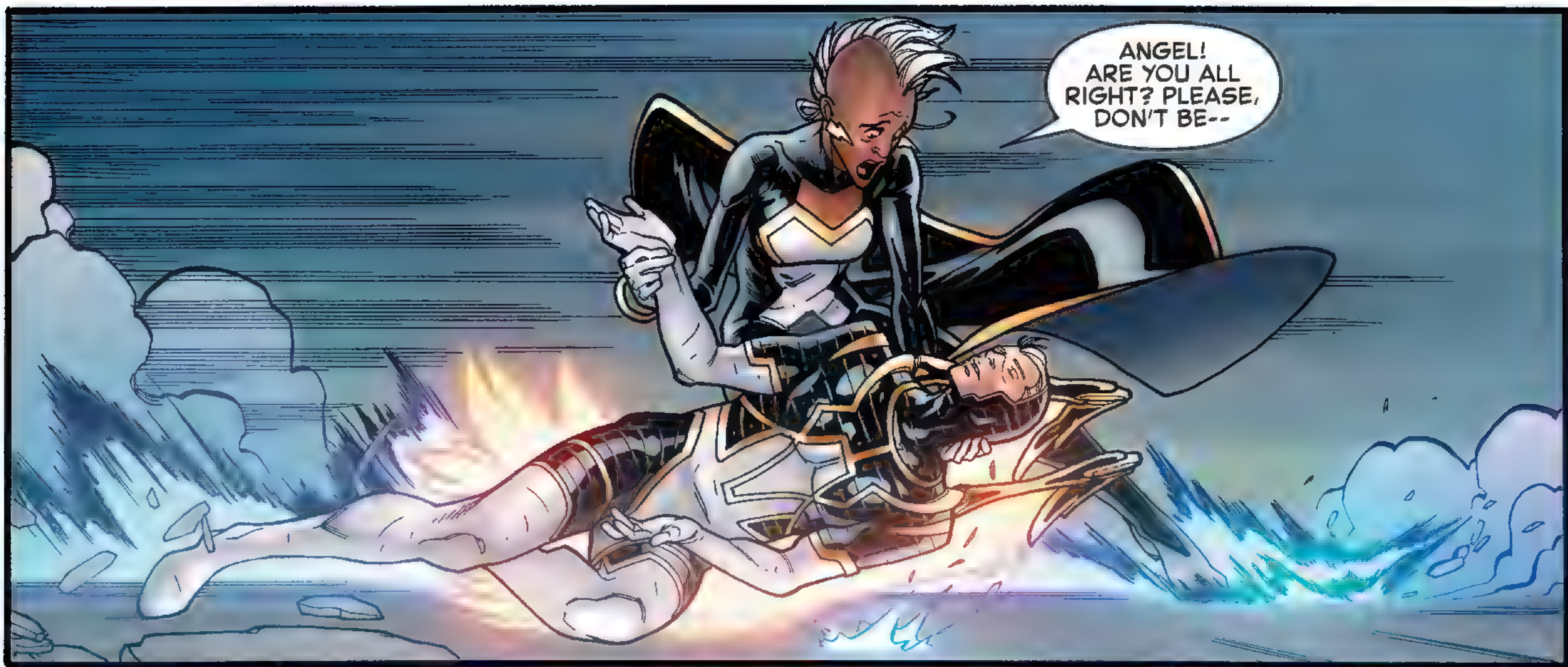
WE ARE. AND WE NEED YOUR HELP, ALCHEMY.

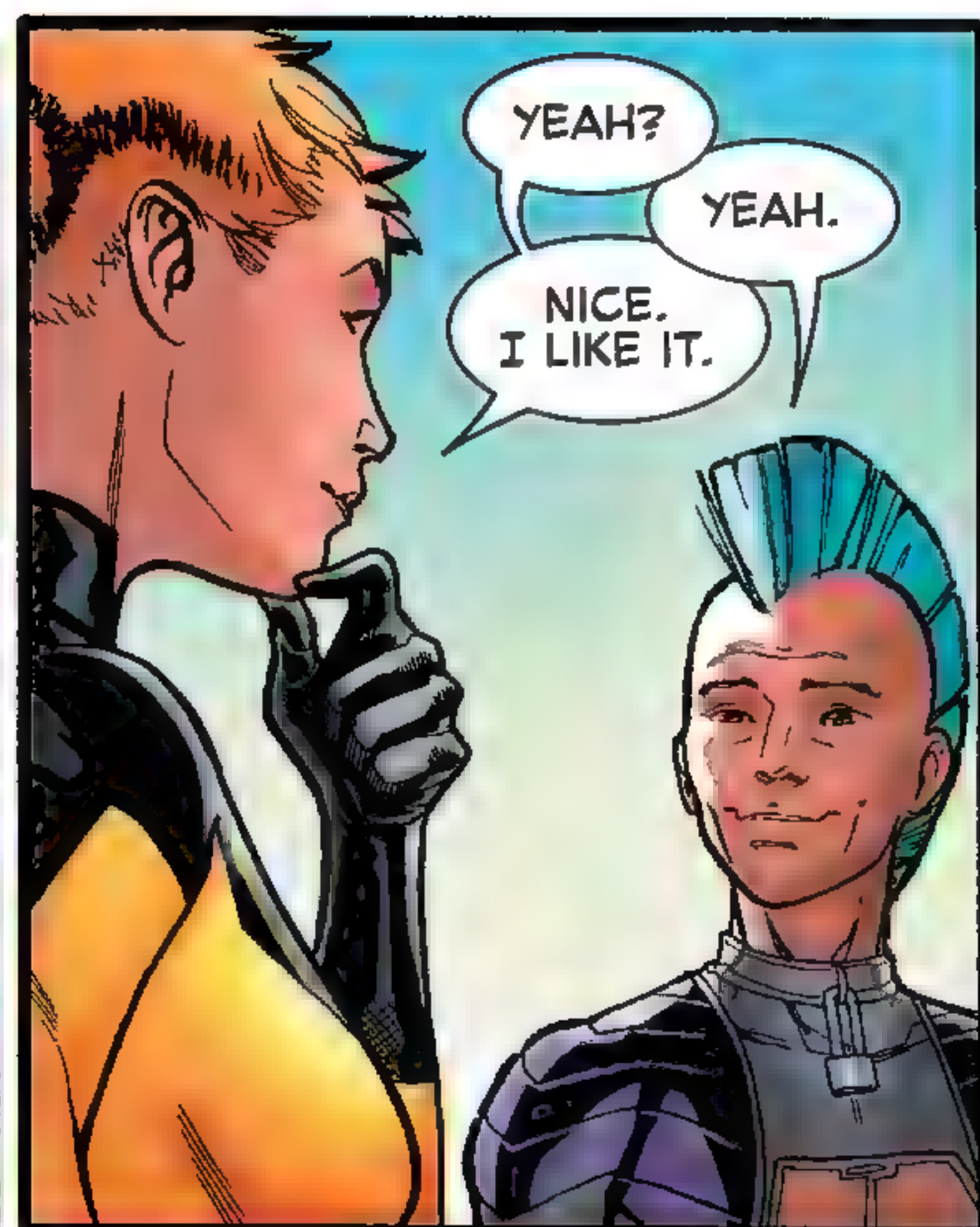
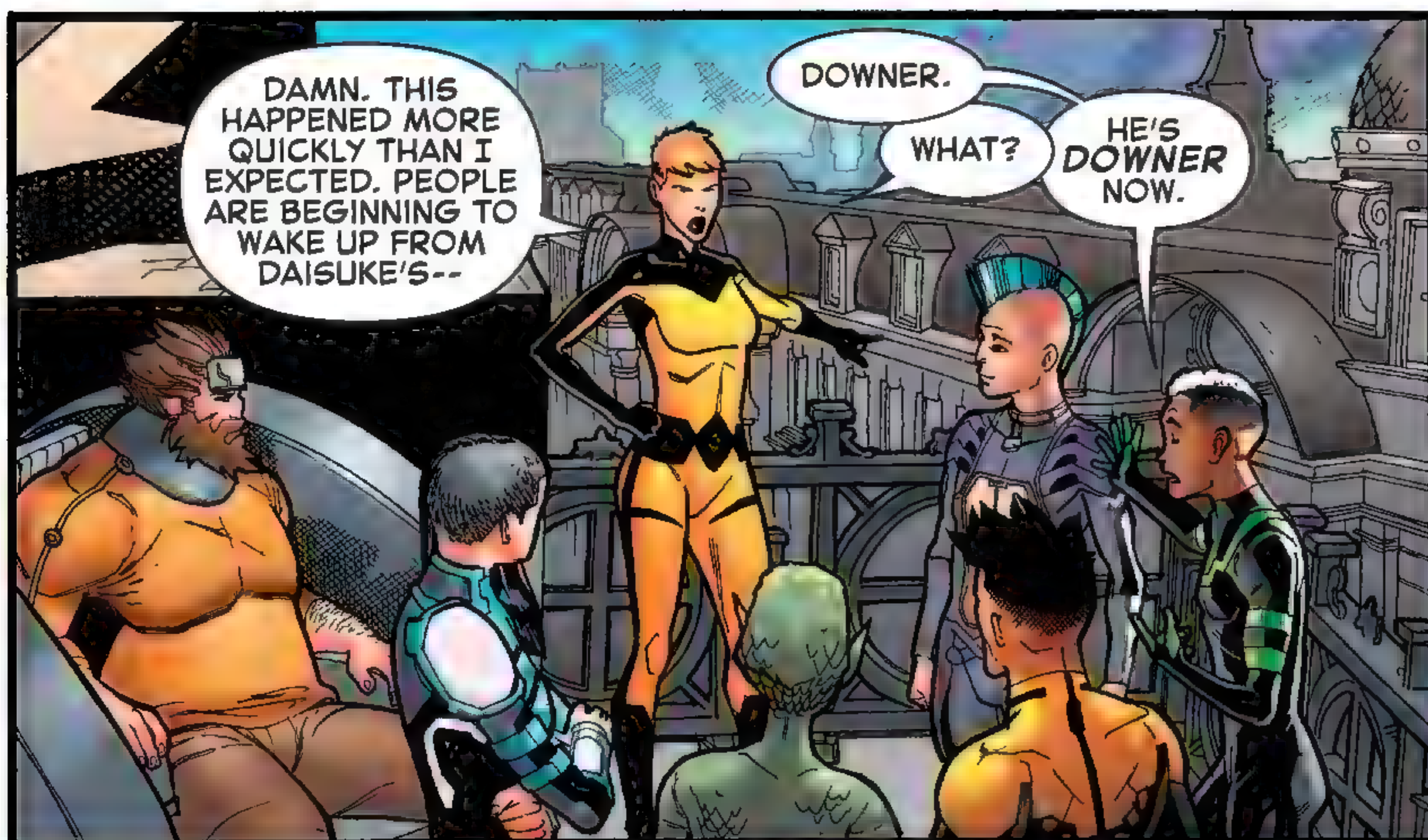
YOU DO?

WE DO.











--WE'LL
COME UP.



YOU'RE
AWAKE. GOOD.
WE SHOULD WORK
TOGETHER TO
HELP THE--

NO, CRYSTAL,
IT'S NOT THAT
SIMPLE. YOU
SEE, WE WERE
HELPING.



AND THEN WE FOUND
OURSELVES ASLEEP,
ALONG WITH EVERYONE
ELSE--EXCEPT ALL
OF YOU.

HOW,
I WONDER,
DID THAT
HAPPEN?

SO, BEFORE
ANYTHING ELSE,
I WOULD LIKE YOU
TO EXPLAIN.



COME ON, STORM. WE
KNOW WHAT THEY DID.
ONE OF THEM HIT
US WITH THEIR
POWERS.

YEAH,
AND SAVED
EVERYONE'S
ASSES IN THE
PROCESS.

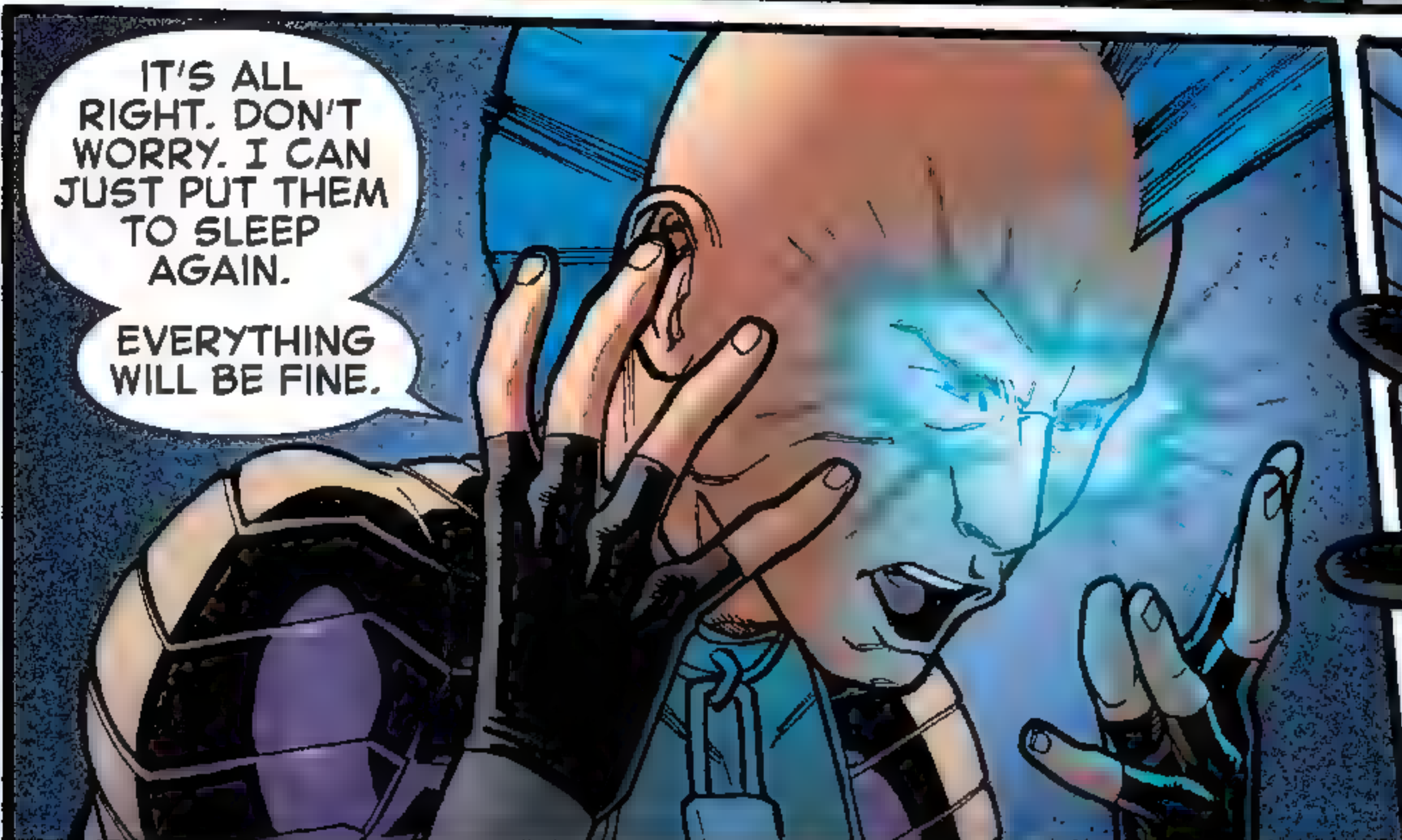
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THAT RIGHT?
DID YOU DO IT,
LITTLE MAN?

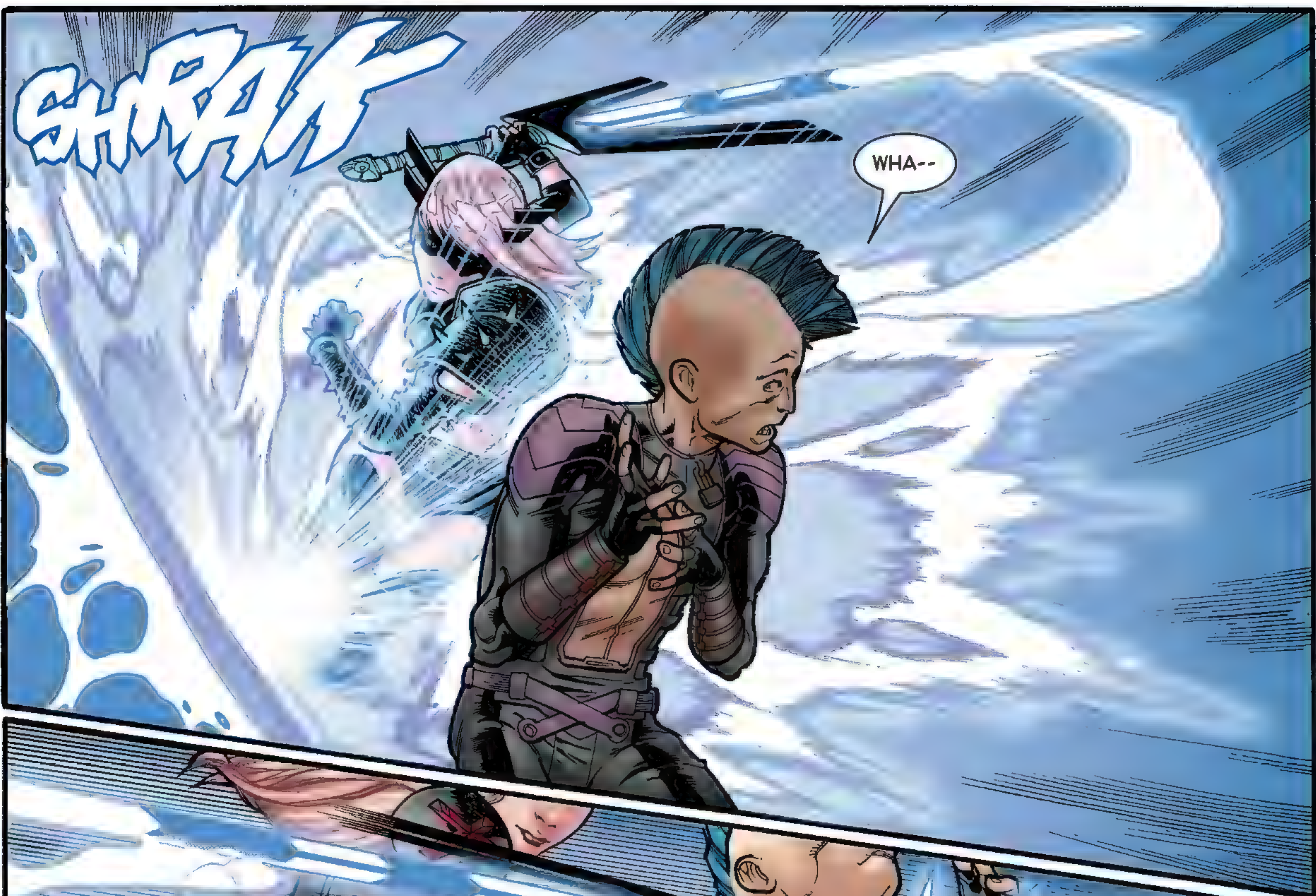


UNH!

BET YOU
DID.

K-TNK



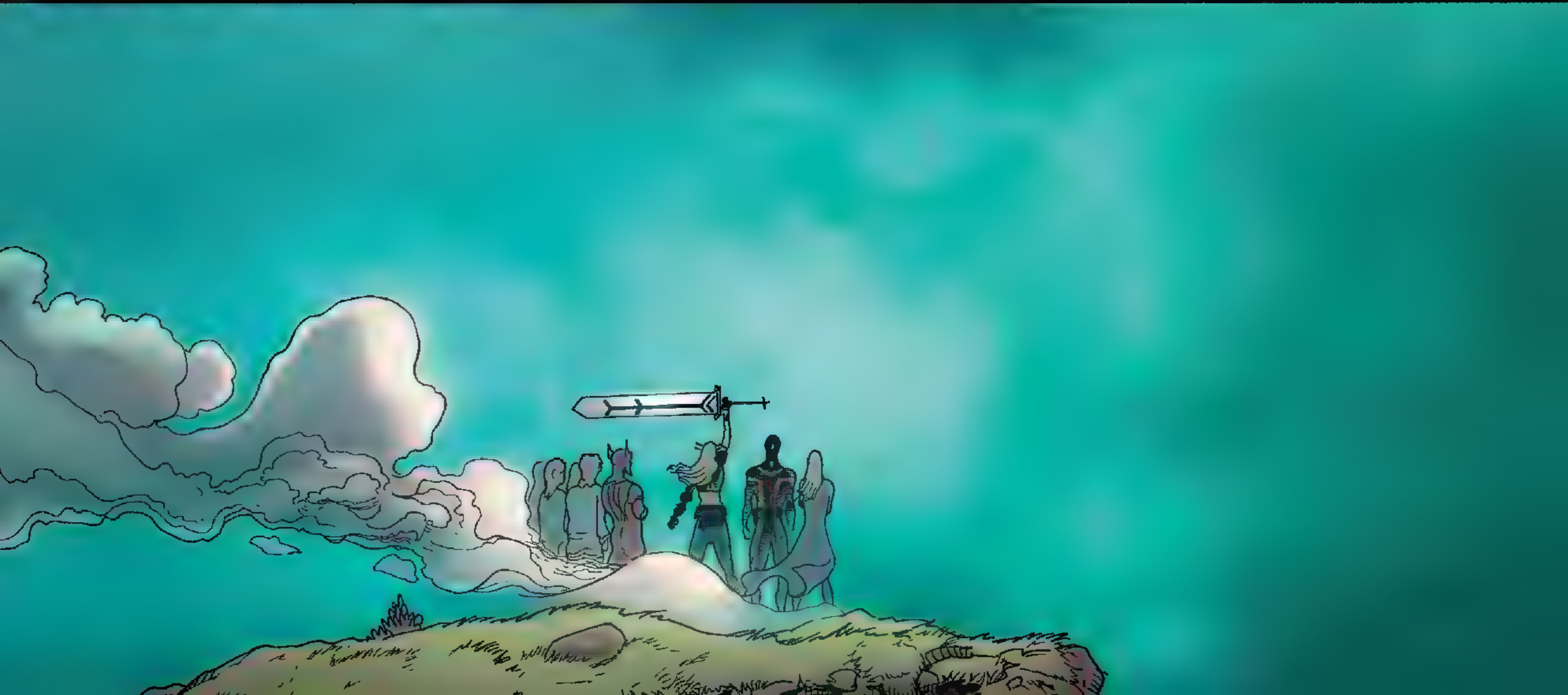
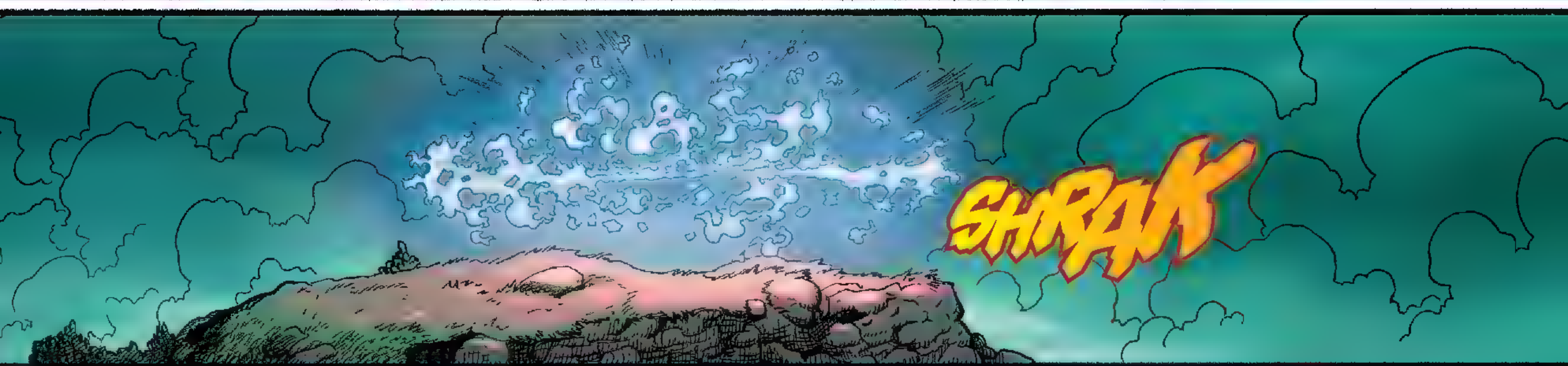
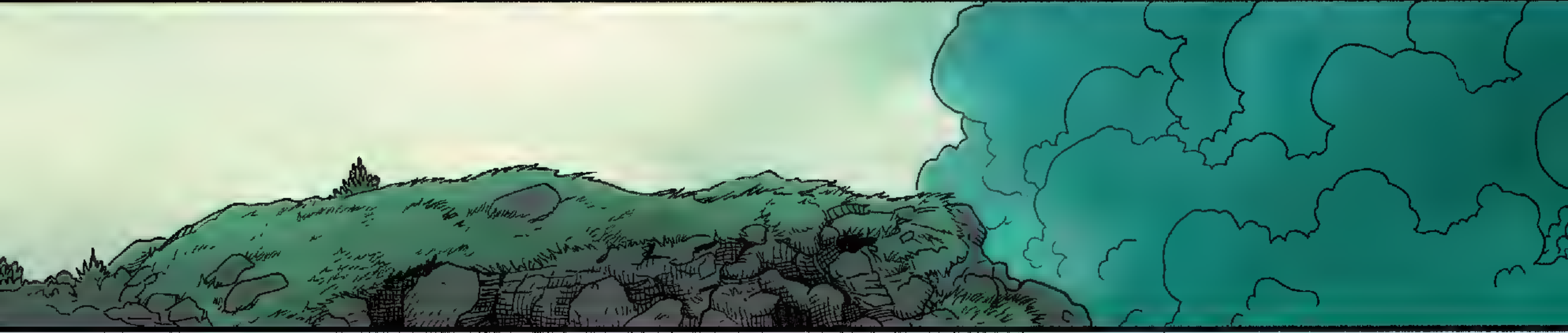
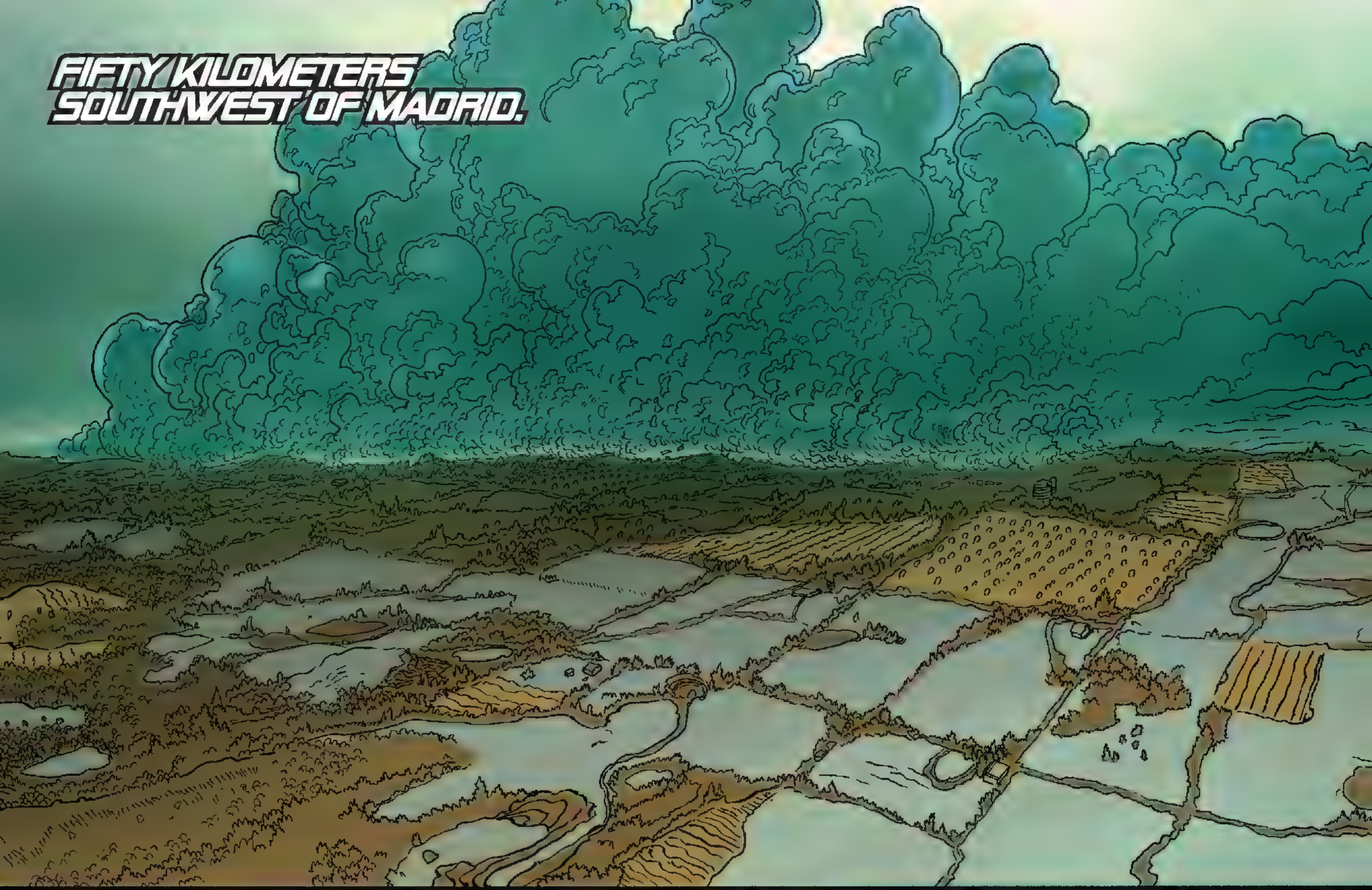


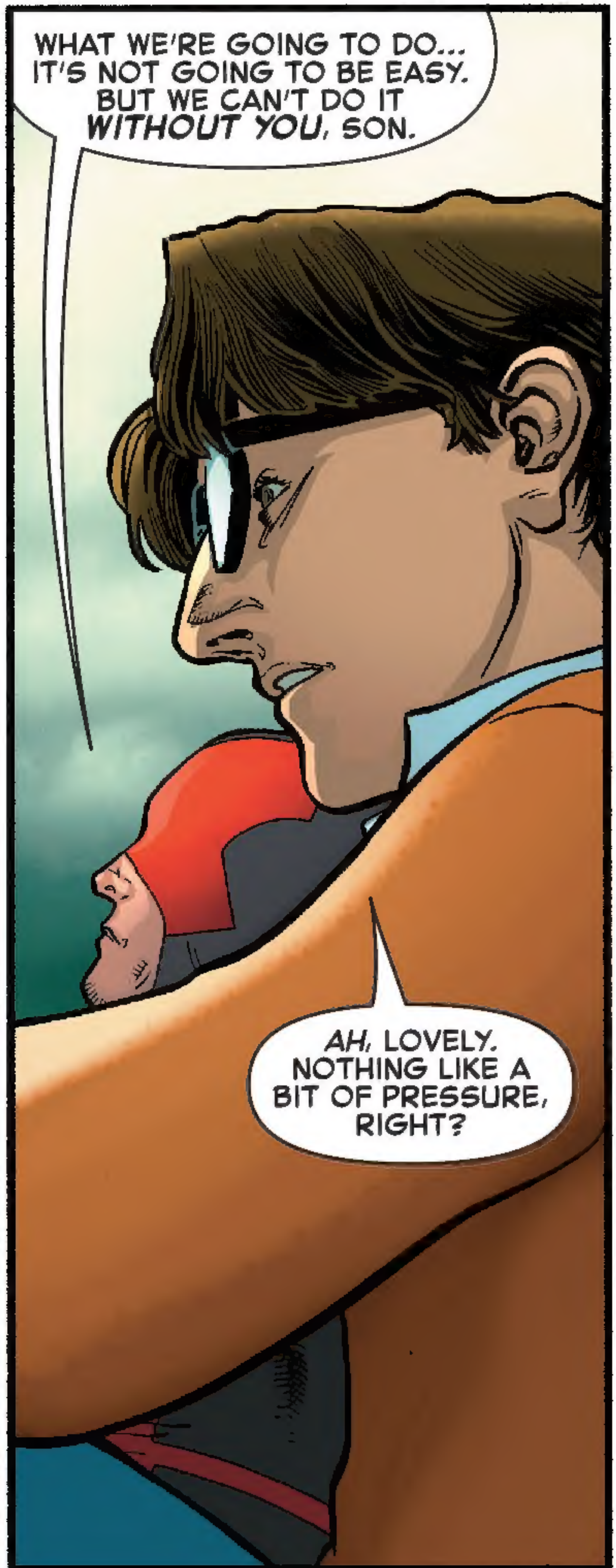
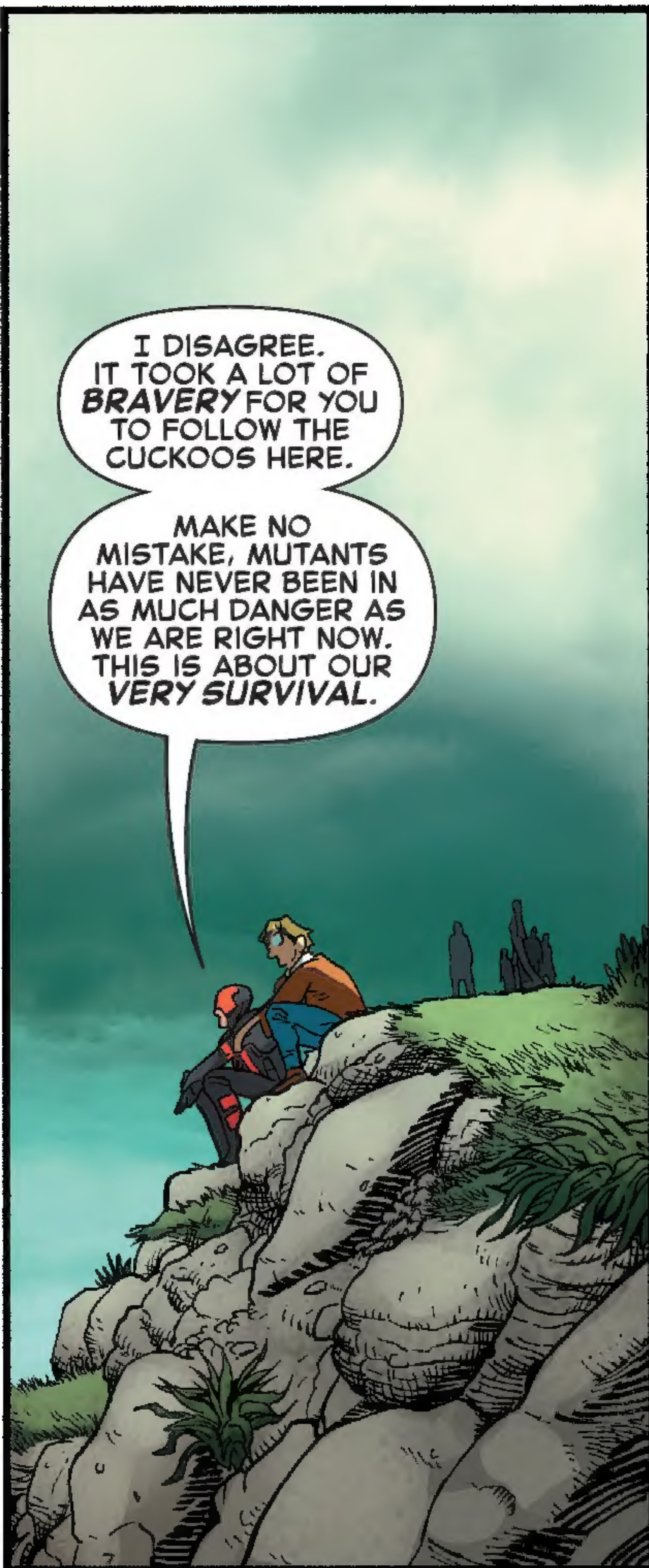
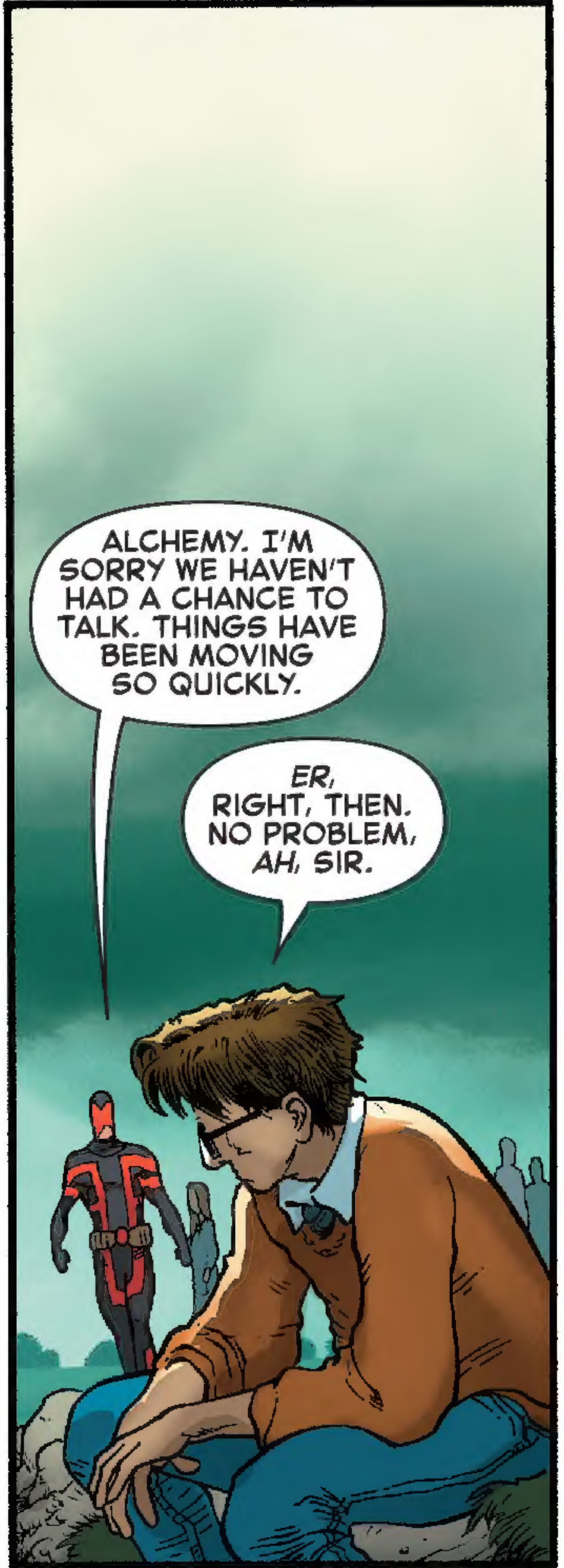
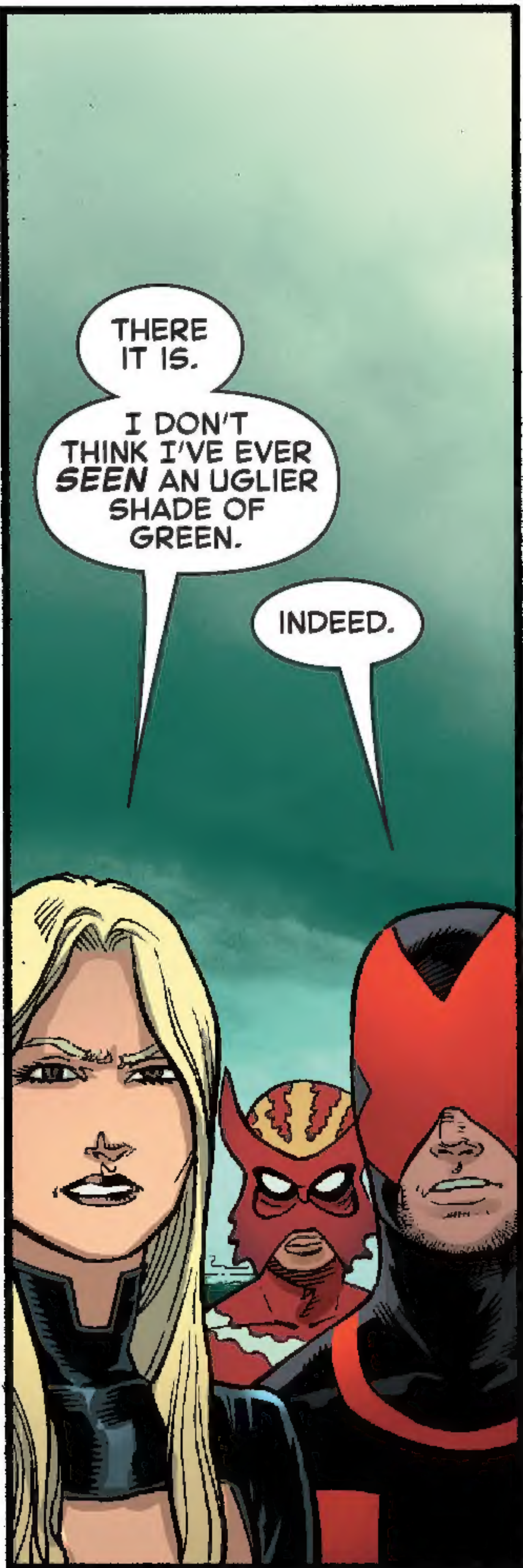






FIFTY KILOMETERS
SOUTHWEST OF MADRID.



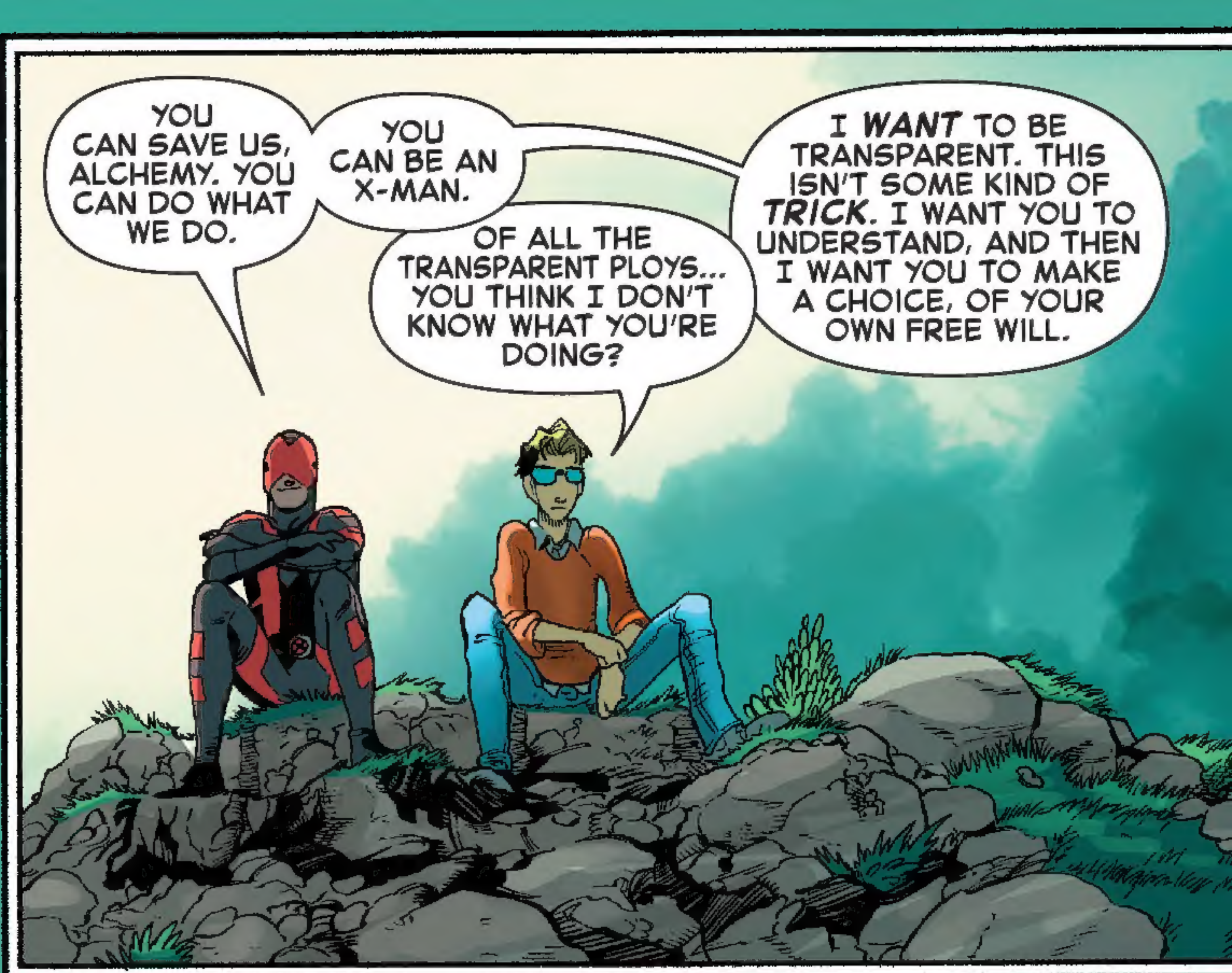




YEARS AGO, THE X-MEN SAVED YOU, SAVED YOUR MOTHER. YOU DON'T OWE US ANYTHING FOR THAT-- IT'S JUST WHAT WE DO.

WE WANT TO **KEEP** DOING THAT, FOR EVERYONE.

BUT LET ME BE CLEAR-- IF YOU HELP US HERE TODAY, WE LIVE. IF NOT, WE DIE.



YOU CAN SAVE US, ALCHEMY. YOU CAN DO WHAT WE DO.

YOU CAN BE AN X-MAN.

OF ALL THE TRANSPARENT PLOYS... YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

I WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT. THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF **TRICK**. I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND, AND THEN I WANT YOU TO MAKE A CHOICE, OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL.



BUT I NEED YOU TO DO THAT NOW. WHAT DO YOU SAY? X-MAN?

I SAY... ...X-MAN.

GOOD.



LET'S GET TO WORK.

TO BE CONCLUDED!

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